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It's a helluva world, but, at that, it isn't as bad as some of the people in it. Let's get on with the news. We don't feel like sounding off, and nobody wants to hear us anyhow. If we can keep our heads above water, three jumps ahead of the bill collector, and maintain a sense of decency, honor and independence, that's about the best any of us can expect.

PEACETIME PRESIDENT TO WAR-TIME COMMANDER

While in Washington to attend the annual installation of officers of Washington Chapter, National President ALBERT W. HERMAN laid a wreath on the grave of General EDWARDS in Arlington. As AL sums up in a few strikingly sincere words: "That is the one thing I've always wanted to do".

SOMETHIN'S GOT TO BE DONE!

Fellows, PLEASE, a buck is only one buck, and most of us can dig up a spare one somehow. The returns on last year's Christmas Cards have been simply TERRIBLE. We've barely made expenses.

OVER 1200 GOOD YD MEN AND TRUE have kept the cards and haven't turned in a penny for them. Post cards and letters have been sent, but except to bring in a few scattered dollars, they have been to no avail. Your organization needs this dough and needs it badly. It took a gamble that you'd like the cards. At any rate, you kept 'em. So won't you—right here and now—slip a dollar into an envelope with your name and shoot it in to the Treasurer, 200 Huntington Avenue, so we can pay off our bills and end the year, on April 1, with a clean slate for the first time in our lives.

PROGRESS OF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"The Big Push", undertaken for new members on January 1, is just beginning to hit its stride as this issue goes to press. Several of the chapters do not hold their meetings until late in the month, and thus were unable to make their plans and really get going until nearly the end of January, so the duration of the "push" has been extended to include the months of February and March, up to the beginning of the near year, on April 1.

Particularly gratifying, and singled out for Honorary Mention, have been the results in Worcester, Springfield, Lynn, and Portland. Many other chapters, including the newest one in Cleveland, have also sent in a number of new members, and quite a few have come through with a steady trickle of one or two every few days.

Questionnaires have been returned from quite a few sectors telling of the organization of membership teams and the allocation of areas for personal contact. Some of these are mentioned under the news column of the particular chapter.

The whole fact of the matter, in a nut-shell, is that the drive is just getting into speed. Don't let down now. And to the chapters (for there are some) who haven't done anything at all about it, it isn't too late to start. A citation will be awarded to the chapter showing, on April 1, the greatest increase in new members over its 1936-37 standing. Renewals do not count. Renewals who have lapsed one or more years do count.

The present standing, February 5, in the race is shown in the following table, which requires a little explanation. There are members in three different categories. Those whose dues expire on April 1, 1937, those whose dues WOULD expire on that date but who have already renewed in advance for the coming year, and, thirdly, those who are new members received since January 1, whose dues do not expire until January 1, 1938. It is obvious that the total membership of any chapter is the total of the first and third group. If the second group were also included, some men would be counted twice, once in the 1937 group, again in the 1938 group. Therefore, in the tables which follow, the members for the past year who have renewed for the coming year are included in the "1936-37" group, but not in the 1937-38 group, although they will automatically go into that group on April 1.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING, FEB. 5, 1937

	Paid to April 1, 1937	*Additional* New Members Paid to April 1, 1938
Dept. of Maine		
Lewiston	24	1
Portland	46	28
Waterville	2	0
At Large	57	3
Dept. of New Hampshire		
Concord	22	0
Keene	60	1
Manchester	60	0
Nashua	26	2
At Large	27	2
Dept. of Vermont		
Rutland	12	11
At Large	18	1
Dept. of Massachusetts		
Attleboro	12	0
Boston	450	8
Brockton	37	0
Clinton	22	0
Fitchburg	69	1
Holyoke	36	4
Lawrence	78	0
Lowell	142	0
Lynn	137	5
Marlborough	44	7
Milford	38	0
New Bedford	41	0
Northampton	19	1
Plymouth	10	0
Salem	32	1
Springfield	54	24
Webster-Dudley	20	0
Worcester	147	30
At Large	155	0
Dept. of Rhode Island		
Providence	66	10
Dept. of Connecticut		
Bridgeport	50	0
Bristol	70	0
Hartford	165	23
Manchester	30	2
Meriden	40	0
Middletown	25	0
New Britain	64	3
New Haven	257	0
New Milford	8	1

Norwalk	38	1
Stamford	72	1
Terryville	19	0
Thompsonville	0	10
Valley	19	2
Wallingford	16	0
Waterbury	58	4
Willimantic	18	6
Winsted	14	0
At Large	32	2
Dept. of United States		
Washington	39	2
Los Angeles	28	0
Chicago	39	5
New York	141	0
Newark	16	0
Detroit	12	4
Cleveland	0	14
At Large	159	2

Let's Keep Going Places. Next month, we want to see EVERY Chapter with at least some members in the "new" column.

At the last moment before going to press, new members came in so fast that the above table is already out of date. Notably 39 new members of Hartford Chapter, received on Saturday, February 6, as well as three more from Providence, and a scattering from other sectors.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO GEN. CHARLES H. COLE

The Copley-Plaza Hotel in Boston has been host to many gay parties, many large parties; but even they admitted that the testimonial dinner to General CHARLES H. COLE, recently appointed by Governor Hurley to the post of Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth, was the largest stag dinner they had ever served.

The evening was Tuesday, January 26. The most important thing, and the truest thing that can be said of the dinner, was that it showed, as nothing else could, the esteem, yes, love in fact, in which CHARLIE COLE is held by men in all walks of life, from the Governor who appointed him and the military leaders of equal rank who served with him, down to the buck privates and mule skinners for whom he had an eagle eye but a kindly smile in the days of yore.

The newspapers said 1300 were present; the hotel says it served 925 dinners. The true figure was probably somewhere between the two, as there were some (but not many) who never did get "sot" long enough to eat, so busy they were squeezing between the tables to shake the hands of old friends they hadn't seen in years. Just about a cool 1,000 would hit pretty close.

The big ball room was beautifully decorated with flags of state and nation, and every available inch, not only on the main floor but out in the raised foyer and in the balcony, was filled. Uniforms of all sorts were there, mixed with dinner jackets and plain business suits; the khaki of the National Guard and Reserve Officers (the guest of honor being in the service uniform of a Brigadier-General), officers' dress uniform, fold epaulets and all, of which Gen. DAN NEEDHAM was a glittering example; the dark blue of the American Legion; the light blue of the Y. D. V. A.; the blue and cream of the First Corps of Cadets, whose splendid band furnished the music; the flaming crimson and white of the Lynn Drill Team; the sombre black and white of dignitaries of civil and military life.

And from where did this great gathering come. From all over New England and beyond. One table seated a group from Connecticut, in the horizon blue of their Department uniforms; another found ten from Nashua, N. H.; Lynn had three tables, Worcester two, Portland, Maine, also in uniform, filled a table; five tables were filled with men from the YD Club of Boston; the entire balcony with men of the 101st Infantry. There were tables of artillery officers, the "Dugout Club"; of reserve officers, of cavalrymen — and Heaven knows what other groups. It was not confined to YD men entirely, but in effect it was a baby Yankee Division reunion.

We cannot tell you everyone who was seated at the head table. Gen. JOHN H. SHERBURNE acted as toastmaster. We also saw Gen. EDWARD L. LOGAN, Gen. DANIEL NEEDHAM, Col. KEVILLE, Judge JOHN C. LEGGAT, BILL SAYERS, formerly aide to Gen. COLE; Former Governor Joseph B. Ely; Eliot Wadsworth, President of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; Hon. Frederick W. Mansfield, Mayor of Boston; Mr. John V. Mahoney, representing Gov. Charles F. Hurley, kept at home with a heavy cold; Col. PORTER CHASE, Division Adjutant of the 26th Division; representatives of the Massachusetts Legislature and executive departments. But other senators, civic authorities, generals, colonels and majors were scattered all through the gathering. It was

like Langres outside the gates of the officers' school. But don't think the rank and file weren't on hand — they were — and the true spirit of YD, as uttered by General EDWARDS, was everywhere apparent, "Leave all rank behind".

We'd like to have both the space and the necessary information to tell you who was there, but let it simply be said that every friend of General COLE's was there some place, unless he was home sick in bed.

Following an excellent meal, in which the hotel graciously consented to include a cocktail (not that there was any real need, for most anyone who wanted it had rustled up a drink or two or three some place), a snappy program of entertainment was put on in a roped-off squared circle by Ringmaster "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK, including singing, boxing, wrestling, and a fake boxing match between a tall black man and a little black man, which was a wow. KNOCKO himself was as good as the show.

Getting down to serious business, Mayor Mansfield brought the greetings of the City of Boston, and Mr. Mahoney, for the Governor, the greetings of the Commonwealth. Each paid tribute to the character and ability of General COLE.

Others who spoke included Gen. EDWARD L. LOGAN, Col. PORTER CHASE, Gen. NEEDHAM and Judge LEGGAT, each of whom told of his long acquaintance with Gen. COLE, and the esteem in which they held him. ALBERT W. HERMAN, National President of the YD Veterans Association, tendered the best wishes of the organization to the guest of honor, and called attention to the fact that were it not for the existence of the Y. D. V. A. the task of assembling such a gathering for such an occasion would be immeasurably more difficult. He urged all to give their full loyalty to the Association.

RALPH EASTMAN, the last speaker, presented Gen. COLE with a magnificent sterling silver punch bowl, the gift of the guests present. In response, Gen. COLE, with the smile and unassuming modesty which has endeared him to thousands, spoke what lay highest in his heart when he said: "What can a man say at such a testimonial of true friendship as this?" He spoke but briefly, but those who knew him, knew how much was meant in those few words.

Too much credit cannot be given to the splendid committee which organized this testimonial dinner. There has been nothing but praise for the smoothness with which the arrangements were carried out from the very first conception, months ago, until the last guest left the hall. Acting as general chairman, Gen. SHERBURNE delegated most of the duties of that office to Major PAUL HINES, whose ability as an organizer has been known to Boston and New England for years. With such a right bower and left bower as RALPH EASTMAN for Treasurer, and LEA REDFIELD in charge of tickets and seating, there wasn't much left to chance. Others who did yeoman work were Col. BILL KEVILLE, in charge of head table guests; BEN JAMES, AUSTIN APPLEBY, AL BARNARD and ED "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK, the latter in charge of entertainment.

As a concluding gesture and souvenir of the occasion, a beautiful tooled-leather bound guest book, in which are the signatures of as many of the guests as could be obtained, will be presented to Gen. COLE, with the letters of regret of those who were unable to attend.

—P. N. S.

THE COMMUNIST RACKET

By Royal K. Hayes
Director Americanism, Y. D. V. A.

Lenin's Bolsheviks numbered only 79,000 when they took over the government from Kerensky. But each member of the gang was a leader. Professional Communists are trained propagandists, agitators, spies and general troublemakers. Their job is to preach the gospel of discontent and pave the way for the world revolution. Paid workers of the Communist Party in the United States receive from $15 to $35 a week. The Big Shots remain behind the scenes and manufacture the balls for the suckers to throw, at Union Square and way stations. Twenty-nine members of the Central Committee run the Communist Party in the United States. Earl Browder and the other members of the Central Committee take their orders from Comrade Stalin at Moscow.

Communists practice the old spy tactics of boring from within the enemy's lines. We find Communist agents and Communist sympathizers in churches, universities, peace movements and patriotic organizations in the United States. This

is no secret to either the Communists or the persons engaged in counter-espionage. While Communists are scattering their anti-God propaganda and sneering at American democracy, there are also those persons who believe in God and American democracy, who also believe that the end sometimes justifies the means. All things are fair in days of war. We do not invite the enemy to sit down for a cup of tea. Communists have overplayed their hands in the United States. Their strategy and tactics eventually will destroy the Party program. Public opinion is rapidly crystalizing and patriotic American citizens will, in the near future, put the question of subversive movements before Congress and demand satisfactory results.

Research workers and investigators are interested only in facts. One enters the enemy's lines to gain information and to follow up by patient inquiry or observation, in order to arrive at definite conclusions. The best agents are never caught by the enemy. Publicity is the kiss of death. We who are known to be anti-Communists are useful only as propagandists for American democracy. But to the unknown and unsung heroes, who are carrying on for God and country, we raise our glasses in a silent toast. While they work within the Communist ranks at home and abroad, we acknowledge our debt of gratitude to these true soldiers of peace.

Congress should debate the question of subversive movements under the spotlight of publicity. *The American people believe in fair play and freedom of the press. Public opinion in the United States is the court of final appeal. The voters of the nation alone can decide what is and what is not subversive doctrine.* Facts are poison to Communists. Communists fear honest publicity. One reason why Communists meet secretly in cell units of three to twenty members is because Communists know that they have no standing in a society of law and order. Members send delegates to the Party's annual convention, which in turn elects the Central Committee. Communists know very little about their own party. Communists oppose American democracy, *because no form of dictatorship can survive in a free country of free people.* The average member of the Communist party is a slave who jumps when the Party masters crack the whip.

In order to examine the Communist system of propaganda, I spent several years in research work. My previous training in selling and advertising served as a practical background. I wanted first hand information. Any organization or method for spreading Red doctrines in colleges, seminaries, public forums and on the printed page, served as an intellectual challenge. Naturally, over a period time, one arrives at certain definite conclusions. After attending classes in three institutions of higher learning and after membership in "liberal" forums and after having known many radical leaders, I became convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that most professional Communists are fakers and that most Communist sympathizers are ignorant of facts. One can become so broad and tolerant that one becomes shallow, spineless and stupid. I found Communists and Communist sympathizers more interested in Red propaganda than in the creative arts. The true artist creates on paper or canvas or in music what he feels within himself. The scholar and the scientist both search for truth and for ways and means to make this world a better and a happier world for humanity. Communists are the die-hard reactionaries. They *oppose* democracy and human liberty. Communists have much in common with the old kings who were the first dictators and with the more recent Hapsburgs and Romanoffs.

When a man like Harry Ward poses as a liberal defender of free speech and at the same time champions the radical American League Against War and Fascism, I am forced to acknowledge a sense of humor. I covered addresses given by Dr. Ward before young theological students. Harry is an Englishman who loves Russia, but prefers to live in the United States. Those who wish to learn more about Prof. Ward should write for a free copy of the Green Book and Supplement: Henry B. Joy, 2766 Penobscott Building, Detroit, Michigan.

Roger Baldwin and the radical American Civil Liberties Union are doing their best to make America safe for Communists. Read the splendid article by Harold Lord Varney in the December 1936 issue, "The American Mercury", entitled: "The Civil Liberties Union".

My thoughts travel back over the snows of yesteryear. I recall talking with a brilliant young clergyman. He was a charming gentleman. One day he shocked his congregation by placing the Communist Manifesto on top of the Bible and saying to his congregation, "The Communist Manifesto is as much superior to the Bible as Karl Marx is superior to Jesus Christ".

The good congregation probably thought that their dear pastor had suddenly heard strange voices and had seen snakes. But his record showed that he had been an atheist propagandist and a soldier in the Red army. The best spies

wear tailor-made clothes and have good table manners.

There was the young theological student who came to the United States to study for the ministry. We often took long walks together. He could pray beautifully and he was a good student. But every expert agent must have some visible means of support or an accepted reason for living in a foreign country. Probably the student and the traveling salesman have the best fronts. Their work gives them a large field of activity plus an excellent opportunity for making the right contacts.

One of the most intelligent chaps I ever met was a Communist sympathizer. He graduated at the head of his class at a foreign university. It was a pleasure to discuss philosophy and literature with him. And yet, we were friendly enemies. He was out to destroy that which I held sacred and dear. Who was responsible for his twisted philosophy and changed beliefs? He had entered the United States a happy and ambitious undergraduate student. When he said "goodbye", he was a cynical and disillusioned atheist. I once saw this brilliant young student attending Prof. Harry Ward's lectures.

I interviewed the police after a group from the Young Communist League ripped the Stars and Stripes from the flagstaff and walked over Old Glory and then, in defiance of law and order, ran up the Red Flag of Soviet Russia. Who was to blame for this sacrilegious conduct? Liberty does not give one the right to commit acts of treason. Civil liberty does not mean advocating the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence.

Once there was a clever Communist sympathizer who gained admittance into the inner circle of patriotic American groups. He even typed confidential reports. He had an old Colonial American name. There was no trace of a foreign accent. He was accepted as a sincere anti-Communist. The story is long, but facts are simple. The good American proved to be a Russian. When caught by a group of veterans he gladly traded information. What do Communists fear and hate most in our American democracy? First come the army and navy, followed closely by the forces of organized religion. Then come *the American veteran organizations, the free press,* and the *educational system of American democracy.*

There are about 161,000,000 people in Russia. Less than 2,500,000 Communists run the government in Russia. The world is grateful to the Russian people for their priceless contributions in the fields of music and literature. The civilized world prays for the day when the good Russian people will be freed from the chains of slavery forged by their cruel masters.

The days of the Communist Party in the United States are thought by many research workers to be numbered. Why? Russia faces war in Europe and in Asia. The Communist Party in the United States cannot function on limited Party payments from members, ranging from ten cents to a few dollars per week, based on the particular Party member's income. Large contributions are not being received on the ninth floor at 50 East 13th Street, New York City. The principal source of income of most of the American radical groups has been from the "Garland Fund". Charles Garland gave Massachusetts much unfavorable publicity when he started his "Free Love Farm". The Garland Fund report shows that $1,378,000 has been given away and $780,000 loaned to radical societies and organizations. The Garland Fund, more than anything else in the United States, has made radicalism a bread-and-butter racket for many professional Communist sympathizers.

I shall close with a short story. After the war I often journeyed to a quiet restaurant in New York. My companion on more than one occasion was a reserved man who looked like most other men on Main Street or Broadway. He was one of those much-discussed average types. But his life had been packed with adventure. Twice during the war he had been dropped behind the German lines. Once we discussed Communism. He looked up from his chops and said, "Hell! I learned my stuff with the Reds. I once held a card in the old I. W. W. For years I was an officer in good standing. Who do the Reds think that they are kidding?"

Next month I shall tell the story of the captured German spy.

JUST THREE THINGS NOT TO FORGET

Some chapters haven't paid their "ante" of ten cents per member toward the tablet erected last September in Cleveland to mark the birthplace of General EDWARDS.

Some individuals (a heluva lot of 'em in fact) haven't paid their one buck for last year's Christmas cards.

Only a handful of those who are well able to do so have contributed to the support of the YD Service Officer's Fund. Read his monthly report in this issue, and then slip us at least a buck if you can spare it, that this fine work may continue.

CONVENTION DAYS ARE DRAWING NEARER

National Treasurer LEA REDFIELD, National Secretary PHIL SANBORN, President RAY DOUCETTE of the Department of Massachusetts, and RAY COCKLIN, General Secretary of the Rutland, Vermont, 1934 Convention, attended a meeting of the Portland Convention Committee in the clubrooms of the YD Club of Portland on Saturday, January 30.

General Chairman OWEN PERCY BENTON presided at the meeting and reports were heard from the chairmen of his sub-committees. The visiting officers gave such advice as they felt would help, such as the urgency of setting up a control committee over finances, whose O. K. would be required for the disbursement of any funds whatsoever.

Registration blanks will be ready for distribution before this issue of DOINGS reaches you, and are to be distributed throughout the fifty-five or more chapters in the United States. (New York Chapter has already requested fifty!). Every effort is to be made, the same as last year, to secure as large an advance registration as possible. Windshield stickers are already available.

One of the big features, as in 1932, is to be a boat ride down the harbor, and a shore dinner at Fort McKinley. The most cordial and helpful cooperation has been tendered in writing from the officers at the fort, and the shore dinner is to be prepared in their own field kitchens by their own men. The entire recreation grounds is to be free to the YD to enjoy themselves as they wish.

The big parade on Saturday will probably be augmented beyond any the YD has yet seen, by the fact that the Department of Maine American Legion is holding its Convention at Old Orchard, not over fourteen miles away, and are holding their parade on Sunday. Lieut. GEORGE WOODS, representing Col. SPAULDING BISBEE, chairman of the parade committee, said, in no uncertain terms and with a ring in his voice which left no room for doubt, "People have said that the parade in 1932 in Portland was a great parade. It was all right. But this year the City of Portland is going to see what a REAL parade is. I promise the greatest parade ever seen in Portland by anyone at any time!"

PERC BENTON's choice for chairman of registration is one which causes all of us to sit back with a sigh of relief and say, "Well we won't have to give another thought to THAT job". TOM MARLEY, who handled registration in such a wonderful manner in 1932 has the job again. And TOM told us that he has been to every convention since Portland, a day or two ahead of time, simply to study registration methods.

VIC ERICKSON heads the committee on drum corps contests, and promised to submit his budget on probable expenses at the next meeting.

ELTON WALKER, in charge of housing, reported that there isn't a single hotel in Portland that hasn't already received some reservations, running as high as twenty-eight in one of the hotels. The housing situation is in good hands.

AL THOMSON, committee on police, is a YD man and a cop. He assured the visiting officers that, the same as in 1932, YD men may be picked up, but their names will not be entered unless they kill somebody, and they will be released in the custody of any comrade who comes for them.

Decorations have been assigned to that Grand Old Man, WARREN KING, grandpop of the Portland YD, and if he doesn't have the city looking like New Orleans at Mardi Gras, then we don't know WARREN KING.

Transportation has been given to a real transportation expert, LAWRENCE JENKINS, and no one need be concerned on that score.

President BILL ROACH and several other members of Lewiston Chapter were present, including "the old reliable" ELLIOTT K. HALE.

Perhaps the most convincing proof of the seriousness with which Portland is going at this Convention came at the moment when BENTON, who is also President of the Chapter, turned over twenty-six new members to the National Secretary, bringing back into the fold practically every YD man in Portland who ever has been a member, and a good many who never have. And they're out after more.

JOE GAUTHIER, Chairman of the Worcester Convention, was prevented from attending and giving the Portland boys the advantage of his fund of experience, by illness in his family, but promises to go to Portland a little later on.

As usual, SAM POLLEY of Norwalk, Conn., was the first man to register.

Remember the dates, June 25, 26, 27. Portland, for the grandest time of your life.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Y. D. V. A.

The revised Constitution of the Y. D. V. A. provides for a Nominating Committee of seven; one from each of the seven Departments. Due to the increased difficulty of bringing seven men from so many widely scattered points together for a meeting, the appointment of the Nominating Committee was made earlier this year than in past years.

At a meeting of the National Executive Committee held in Hartford, Connecticut, on February 6, the following seven men were named to be the Nominating Committee:

Past National President LEONARD J. MALONEY (102nd Inf.), (New Haven Chapter), Chairman, Department of Connecticut.

THOMAS J. MARLEY (104th Inf.), (Portland Chapter), Department of Maine.

ELIOT A. CARTER (103rd Inf.), (Nashua Chapter), Department of New Hampshire.

FREDERICK T. STONE (102nd M. G. Bn.), (Rutland Chapter), Department of Vermont.

CLYDE O. ELLIOTT (102nd F. A.), (Worcester Chapter), Department of Massachusetts.

LOUIS F. FENNER (101st Supply Train), (Providence Chapter), Department of Rhode Island.

JOSEPH MCGLONE (101st Inf.), (New York Chapter), Department of the United States.

The Constitution further provides that the Nominating Committee, in making its nominations for the offices of the seven Department Vice-Presidents, shall receive, and give due consideration to, the recommendations made by the departments.

Other business which came before this meeting of the Executive Committee included the granting of a charter to Ohio Chapter, located in Cleveland, the approving of certain bills, and a resolution that an amendment to the Constitution be submitted to the Portland Convention, making all Past National Presidents members of the National Executive Committee.

MONTHLY REPORT OF NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER

January 3—Attended State Department meeting at Marlboro; three new claims were serviced, one claim pending for an increase.

January 4—Arrangements being made to have Comrade JOSEPH T. LYNCH removed from his home to Rutland Heights Facility; veteran too ill to be moved, treatment by local physician. All communications received from this date to January 16 were answered; a total of twenty-seven claims were serviced by correspondence.

January 17—Went from Worcester to Peabody to arrange for the withdrawal of one case from the Board of Central Appeals, acknowledgement of same expected by return mail. Attended regular meeting of Salem Chapter, Y. D. V. A. One case serviced for future action at rating board in Boston. Accepted as a member of the Mardi-Gras, which will be held on February 9 in the Salem clubhouse, Y. D. V. A., this being their second annual event. Comrade JOSEPH SIMARD readmitted to the U. S. Naval Hospital; agreement reached to have the above-named veteran hospitalized at Togus, Me., for six months.

January 18 — Attended Springfield Chapter regular meeting; serviced twelve new claims, one case reopened, six new claims filed.

January 19—One claim entered at Bureau for future action by mail, member of Lynn Chapter.

January 27 — Report of service-connected award allowed in the case of a member of the Bristol (Conn.) Chapter in the amount of from $12.00 per month to $32.00 to $50.00 was readmitted to the Newington Facility for treatment and his claim was again increased to $63.00 per month until the year of 1938, including dependency for his family. Comrade GREGOR P. SIMONIAN was discharged from Newington Facility after having been hospitalized for observation from December 28. Appearance before Rating Board for consideration of claim will be made at a later date in Boston Veterans' Bureau.

January 29-30—Report to Vets' Bureau to make arrangements to appear before rating boards in behalf of 18 new claims of the Springfield Chapter. Arrangements made to have an X-ray and treatment accorded to T. F. CROKAN, Springfield Chapter, at the Newington Facility. Went to Springfield on this date and an interview was held at the office of Dr. M. P. Hanlon, M. D., for V-B patients, where P-10 Form was filed. On the following morning I accompanied Comrade CROKAN to Newington and return; he

was advised that he would enter the hospital at his own convenience. On Tuesday, Feb. 3, he will be admitted to the hospital for treatment. Arrangements made to have one other member report to Northampton for an examination, with transportation furnished to and from the hospital. Was guest of Comrades FRANK REGNIER, GEORGE LYONS, JAMES ARMESON at Springfield.

January 31 — Visited the Rutland Heights Hospital with the group from Worcester Chapter, to distribute gift boxes and attend entertainment.

—ERNIE PARENT.

GEN. EDWARDS' GRAVE DECORATED BY MASS. INAUGURAL PARTY

During their stay in Washington, to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt, Governor Charles F. Hurley, Adjt.-Gen. CHARLES H. COLE and others of the Massachusetts delegation laid a wreath on the grave of General EDWARDS in Arlington Cemetery.

In the picture reproduced in the Washington Times, we see, in addition to the two mentioned above, Congressman Edith Nourse Rogers and Gen. EDWARD L. LOGAN.

The YD Club of Washington were a little disturbed by the fact that they were not notified of this ceremony in order that they might have participated.

GEN. EDWARDS' MASS. MEMORIAL

Several years ago, as readers will remember, a special recess commission, of which Gen. COLE was chairman, reported to the Massachusetts Legislature in favor of an equestrian statue of General EDWARDS on the State House grounds in Boston. Several years ago also, if you remember, there came what people called a depression.

The upshot was, the project never went through. General COLE, erstwhile chairman of that committee, is now Adjutant-General of Massachusetts, and whereas this is not meant to imply that he either has the influence or would care to use it to revive the project, at least he is in an admirable position to keep advised of the likelihood of its consummation.

GIVE THIS FELLA A GREAT BIG HAND!

On the inside front cover of DOINGS, month after month for so many years that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, has appeared an announcement which has probably grown so commonplace that most of us don't even know it's there. That is the advertisement of CHARLES I. BOYNTON, Insurance, at 30 State Street, Boston. Now CHARLIE is a YD man, and one of the best.

Sometimes we forget to bill him for that ad, and it runs along month after month. Recently, to our horror, we discovered that we hadn't sent CHARLIE a bill in a year and a half. Fourteen insertions — through no one's fault but our own — had gone unpaid. We were almost afraid to tell him. But we did and — by George — came the check in the next day's mail, with just a plaintive little P. S., "Have often wished that my 'ad' might pay for itself in the way of business".

Now you fellas can easily make it pay. There isn't one of us that doesn't carry SOME kind of insurance. Think of the auto insurance alone. See CHARLIE, will you? That's a good fella.

MONUMENT FOR GEN. EDWARDS' GRAVE

Members may recall that the Worcester Convention adopted the report of General COLE's Committee, explaining why the estate of General EDWARDS had never erected a monument on his grave in Arlington Cemetery, with the recommendation that if no action was forthcoming in six months that the same committee be reappointed to propose a plan for the Y. D. V. A. itself to erect such a monument.

The six months elapsed and General COLE was so notified. In reply, he states that he has recently talked with Colonel JOHN HYATT, executor of the estate, and that certain stock in the William Edwards Co. of Cleveland has recently risen in value and that prospects of carrying out this provision of the will look decidedly better.

Pending further advice, the committee is "watchfully waiting".

VETERAN LEGISLATION

Through the efforts of the Department of Massachusetts, copies of a booklet giving all Massachusetts legislation pertaining to veterans, their families, their organizations, have been obtained for distribution to each chapter in the state.

One such copy is now on file at National Headquarters, and available to anyone who wishes to consult it. It cannot be mailed out or allowed to leave the office.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

For the third consecutive year, SAM POLLEY, President of Norwalk, Conn., Chapter, is first to register for the YD Annual Convention.

KENNETH R. DENNIS writes from Newport, R. I.: "I am certain that all of us are indebted to YANKEE DOINGS and to TOM BROWNE for the reprint of that wonderful description of the 'buck private who won the war', which appeared in the December issue". Dennis also submitted for republication an article in the "Reader's Digest", by Ernest Hemingway, which DOINGS hopes some day to have the space to reprint.

In addition to having a YD man, RALPH W. ROBART, D.S.C., as its Past National Commander, the Army and Navy Legion of Valor has others in high position in the Department of Massachusetts. HAROLD BATTEN, D.S.C., (102nd M. G. Bn.) is Commander; ABE COHEN, D.S.C., (101st San. Tr.) is Senior Vice-Commander; and the Reverend C. GORDON BROWNVILLE, D. S. C., (103rd Inf.) is Chaplain. TOM JOLLEY, Secretary of Lawrence Chapter, Y. D. V. A., is National Sergeant-at-Arms.

From Neal O'Hara, in the Boston Traveler: "Wise old Ben Franklin once said, 'They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety'."

ARTHUR W. HOLDRIDGE (A Co., 104th Inf.) writes from Worcester: "My advice to non-members—I may be wrong—is you never know how good it is until you join. Then the meetings and YANKEE DOINGS won't let you leave if you are an honest-to-God YD vet".

Here is real praise indeed, from the well-known author, John Swain, to whom our good friend ROYAL K. HAYES showed the "buck-private" editorial in December DOINGS: "It is a cracking fine thing; as good in its way as Kipling's 'Drums of the Fore and Aft', if you remember that! So *damned* good I have re-read it several times and shall show it to a number of chosen friends capable of appreciating its biting truth."

MIKE MOONEY and HENRY CHAPIN gave their illustrated talk on war-time experiences to an interested meeting of 350 members of Lowell Post 87, American Legion, on January 4.

KNOW WHERE THESE MEN ARE?

D. C. Finneran, Commander of Camp Chase Post No. 98 of the American Legion at Columbus, Ohio, is trying to locate LESLIE ROBERTSON, who—it is believed—was a Supply Sergeant in either the 102nd or 103rd Infantry. He attended the 2nd Army School at Chatillon Sur Seine.

Connecticut records list a LESLIE ROBERTSON as having served as a Sergeant with the 102nd Infantry. His birthplace is given as Westford, Vermont, and residence at time of enlistment as Essex Junction, Vermont. Anyone having information relative to this comrade's whereabouts should address Commander Finneran at 20 North Wayne Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

JOHN B. DERMITZAKIN, formerly a member of Co. F, 102nd, and now located at 11 Pawpaw Street, Dayton, O., is anxious to hear from comrades who recall his being sent to the hospital at Royat, France, on November 18, 1918.

YD POST 130 — NEW HAVEN

Commander HENRY S. RUDOLPH, of YD Post No. 130, American Legion, reported at the last meeting 105 paid-up members. The Post voted to contribute five cents for each paid-up member to the War Orphan Education Fund.

RAYMOND KENNEY, chairman of membership, reports the detail for members has started with the first of the year.

JOHN DEMAYO and EDMUND MCLOUGHLIN stated the Senior Drum Corps held the first business meeting of the year with fifty members on hand. The first rehearsal for the Corps was held January 12.

HENRY NODER, chairman of the Junior Legion, reported fifty-two paid-up to date. He advises that the Junior Group will hold a YD Reunion Night for the fathers and mothers, February 12 at 8 P. M., at the Armory. At this affair, the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of the YD Post and Auxiliary will be honored.

JACK SANDERSON, chairman, with RAYMOND KENNEY, HENRY NODER and Mrs. Geenty, reported the Junior Drum and Bugle Corps will start their rehearsals the coming Saturday. A fine report was given — no outstanding bills.

FRANK GEARY reported good progress on Service Work.

JOE PARK, Treasurer, reports the Treasury in fine condition.

NILS FRIBERG reported progress on Inter-Veterans Association.

LEONARD MALONEY, Legislative Officer, reported marking time 'til State Capitol starts business.

The Post, in conjunction with the Inter-Veterans Association, gave out Christmas Baskets to the needy. The Post and Auxiliary gave a Christ-

mas Party to YD boys and girls. HENRY JENSEN was a swell Santa.

On January 21, Foot Guard Armory, for which we thank Col. Lockhart, a short business meeting and social. The guest speaker of the evening was Col. Ernest Hall of the Yale faculty.

On January 29, again thanking Col. Lockhart for the Foot Guard Room, the Post, with the Auxiliary, will hold a card party.

YD UNIT 130, A. L. AUXILIARY NEW HAVEN

YD Unit 130, American Legion Auxiliary, held installation of officers, October 22, 1936: Elfreda B. Park, President; Elsie Johnson, 1st Vice-President; Julia Jensen, 2nd Vice-President; Gladys Grimaldi, Secretary; Marion O'Neill, Treasurer; Helen Dolan, Historian; Grace Hesse, Chaplain; Jean Noder, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Activities for the month of December:

Regular meeting, December 2.

President, secretary and special rehabilitation chairman attended Parley Luncheon at Hartford, December 5.

Held amateur show of Junior Group, December 4.

Mothers attended initiation of Sons of Legion, December 10.

Held our fourth regular meeting December 16; after meeting celebrated Auxiliary Xmas Party. Grab-bag and refreshments were served and Xmas Carols sung.

Christmas Party for Juniors held December 19. Entertained 130 children.

YD Unit 130, American Legion Auxiliary, Glee Club broadcast Xmas Carols over Station WELI, December 27.

Membership — 119.

Sent out Xmas baskets and contacted families for relief. Auxiliary raffle of Xmas turkey won by JOHN DEMAYO.

—Elfreda B. Park,
Publicity Chairman.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Requests have often been received for a listing of the meeting nights and meeting places of the various YD Chapters. Your Secretary has sent out reply post cards asking for this information, and up to date the following answers have been received:

Department of Maine:

LEWISTON: The last Thursday of each month, at homes of the members.

PORTLAND: YD Club, 9 Free Street (date not sent, but meetings are held weekly).

Department of New Hampshire:

KEENE: Last Thursday of each month; American Legion Hall, 43 West Street.

MANCHESTER: Second Wednesday; Odd Fellows' Hall.

Department of Vermont:

RUTLAND: First Thursday; Marble Savings Bank Building, 7.00 P. M.

Department of Massachusetts:

STATE MEETING, FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH.

BOSTON: Fourth Thursday of each month, YD Memorial Club, 200 Huntington Ave.

BROCKTON: Fourth Friday; State Armory.

FITCHBURG: First Friday; Eagles' Hall, Main Street.

HOLYOKE: Third Tuesday; State Armory.

MARLBOROUGH: First Wednesday; sometimes at Legion Home, sometimes at V.F.W. Hall.

LYNN: Every Tuesday; Father Matthews Hall, Summer Street.

NORTHAMPTON: First and Third Thursdays; State Armory.

SALEM: Second and Fourth Sunday afternoons; YD Clubrooms, Howard Street School.

SPRINGFIELD: First and Third Monday; G. A. R. Memorial, 44 State Street.

WEBSTER-DUDLEY: Fourth Monday, Veterans Home, Church Lane.

WORCESTER: Second Thursday; various places. Call President, WOR 4-0120.

Department of Connecticut:

STATE MEETING, SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH.

BRIDGEPORT: Every Monday, V. F. W. Clubrooms, State and Main Streets.

BRISTOL: Second Friday; Legion Hall, 12 No. Main Street.

HARTFORD: First Monday; State Armory (usually).

MERIDEN: Second Monday; Legion Hall, Colony Street.

NEW BRITAIN: Third Tuesday, D. A. V. Hall, Main Street.

NEW HAVEN: Second and Fourth Thursdays; State Armory.

NORWALK: Second and Fourth Fridays; V. F. W. Hall, Wall Street.

STAMFORD: Second and Fourth Mondays; G. A. R. Rooms, Town Hall.
VALLEY: "Tuesday when held"; State Armory, Ansonia.
WATERBURY: First and Third Fridays; State Armory.
WILLIMANTIC: First Monday; Town Building.
WINSTED: Second Wednesday; V. F. W. Hall, Main Street.

Department of Rhode Island:

PROVIDENCE: No regular night as yet, YD Post 272, V. F. W. Home, 44 Harrison St., Providence.

Department of United States:

CHICAGO: Second Tuesday; Midland Club Hotel, 172 W. Adams Street.
CLEVELAND: No regular date as yet; Wade Park Manor, East 107th Street.
DETROIT: Last Friday, Veterans Building, Detroit. All communications to YD Headquarters, 1103 Park Avenue, Blvd.
LOS ANGELES: First and Third Wednesdays; Patriotic Hall, Figuera and Washington Streets.
NEW YORK: Fourth Thursday; Rumpus Room, 7th Regiment Armory, Park Avenue. (The February meeting will be elsewhere).

As other replies are received, they will be published. Keep this list for reference, and you may have a chance to drop in on a YD meeting if you are traveling.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

The meeting of the Convention Committee in Portland, on January 30, told of elsewhere in this number, was, in one sense, a Department of Maine meeting. Representatives were present from the two chartered chapters, Portland and Lewiston, and all present responded with enthusiasm to the pleas of the national officers that other cities and towns in the state be brought into the fold before convention time.

LEWISTON

Androscoggin Valley Chapter

In reply to the questionnaire on the membership drive, President BILL ROACH replies that every active member has been placed on the membership committee, in two teams, twelve men to a team; that the whereabouts of all prospective members has been mapped out, and that personal contact is being made.

In speaking at the Portland meeting, he predicted at least double the present membership during the drive.

AUGUSTA

A meeting for the purpose of forming a Chapter of the Y. D. V. A. at Augusta, including the YD men at the National Soldiers' Home in Togus, is scheduled for February 19, at the invitation of Maj. MALCOLM L. STODDARD, regional manager of the U. S. Veterans Facility there. This issue goes to press too early to tell the results, but there is a fertile field and MACK is a good organizer.

SKOWHEGAN

A recent visitor from Skowhegan to the YD Club in Boston, POOLER by name, asked and was given all instructions for the forming of a chapter there, stating that there were between 20 and 30 prospective members. No further news as yet.

PORTLAND

For news of the joint meeting of the 1937 Convention Committee with the officers of the Y. D. V. A., see elsewhere.

No report of local chapter meetings has been received, but such meetings are being held regularly.

After seeing the picture of a prominent woman politician on his desk, we can understand why one of the boys moved his family into the country.

ROLAND MORRISON (F Co., 103rd Inf.) is living in Bradford Centre, Maine. Call when you go that way.

E. DEAN PRAY, North Windham, is a Deputy on the staff of the Cumberland County sheriff, and a popular one at that.

OSCAR T. WALLACE, who as an M. P. during the war made it hot for us, was visited by fire the other day. Quite a lot of damage was done to the house. On January 13 he was elected a captain in the South Portland Fire Department. He is also very active in his Legion Post.

We hear that ELMER GORDON has been elected Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star. Just imagine him in there with all those women.

DWIGHT UNDERWOOD, Saco, is President of the Sea and Shore Wardens Association.

We regret that we could not attend the banquet for Gen. COLE. We envy those who could.

MAGUIRE being unable to attend to his duties as Secretary, KARL SEWELL will fill out his term, while FRANK HARNISH will fill out the balance of SEWELL'S term as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Everybody is on the job for the next Convention. It is surprising the number of letters that the Committee has received, offering all kinds of assistance. The shore dinner, no doubt, will be held at Fort McKinley. That is our opinion and

is not to be considered as official. A preliminary meeting was held January 16 and it brought out a lot of people that we thought had forgotten us. A very enthusiastic meeting without any friction. Several were there from Lewiston and other places. Everything is on the up and up.

—"MINNIE-LA-TOUR."

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

A meeting of the Department of New Hampshire was held at the home of President GEORGE M. FRENCH of Nashua Chapter, on Thursday, January 14, attended by the Department President, EARLE WILLIAMS (NAS); President NORMAN ANDREWS (CON), President PETER O'MALLEY (MAN), President FRENCH (NAS), and National Secretary PHIL SANBORN.

About 40 or 45 members were present, largely from Nashua, but with a liberal sprinkling of Manchester and Concord members. No one was present from Keene. Those Keene boys seem to be home bodies; do swell in their own town, but hard as the dickens to get them out to other places. Get the rollin' habit, fellas, how'd you like to follow your National President and Secretary around for a month — in a different state about every night? It isn't so tough after you get used to it. It's the only way to get the outfit coordinated and growing.

President FRENCH opened the meeting as a meeting of Nashua Chapter, and PHIL SANBORN spoke on the big push for members. Nashua appointed chairmen of membership teams and drew up plans for canvassing the city. Other chapter presidents present took home with them ideas for drives in their own communities.

The meeting was turned over to State President EARLE WILLIAMS, who held a meeting of his department officers for the purpose of ratifying the new constitution and by-laws, to be submitted at a later meeting to the entire state membership. This constitution follows very closely that of Massachusetts Department, except that, instead of one elective Vice-President, the President of each chapter in the state is a State Vice-President.

A large part of the evening was given over to a good time. ELIOT CARTER showed stereopticon views of his last summer's trip through seven European countries, and discoursed most entertainingly of his experiences.

A delicious buffet supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. FRENCH.

New Hampshire is enthused over the prospects of a real state department and regular meetings. EARLE WILLIAMS is doing a good job. Talking with him, CARTER and FRENCH at the General COLE dinner, we were told that things are moving apace, and that National President AL HERMAN and others will be invited soon to a real get-together of the members in the state.

CONCORD

Secretary WENDELL CLOUGH reported at the state meeting in Nashua (see above) that it had proved difficult to get men out to meetings, but that every effort would be made to increase the membership and hold regular meetings.

KEENE

No news from Keene this month except—as noted in the list of meeting nights—that regular meetings are being held.

The death of Dr. CHARLES S. WALKER, a sad blow to the chapter, is reported under "Taps".

MANCHESTER

A regular meeting of Manchester Chapter, Y. D. V. A., was held Wednesday, January 13, at 8 P. M., with President PETER O'MALLEY presiding and twenty members present.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting accepted as read. Report of Treasurer GENE DUGAS read and accepted. It was a very fine report, showing the chapter to be in good financial condition.

Communication from Past National Commander read, urging the chapter to put on a membership drive; accepted and two teams, headed by PETER O'MALLEY and LEON TARBELL, will start drive at once.

Voted to invite wives of members to our next meeting. An entertainment, cards and lunch will be provided by a committee of three, GENE DUGAS, ARMAND MONTMINY and LEON TARBELL.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M.

—H. E. MCEWEN,
Secretary.

NASHUA

For account of state meeting at Nashua, see above.

In answering the membership questionnaire, President GEORGE M. FRENCH reports that two

teams are canvassing all eligible prospects for membership, that the principal obstacles encountered is that fellows belong to too many other organizations, that he would like to have a list of YD men living in surrounding towns: Pelham, Milford, Amherst, Merrimack, Wilton, Greenville, etc. This is almost impossible to obtain except through publicity in Nashua papers.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Not a word.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STATE DEPARTMENT MEETING
Worcester, February 7

The meeting of Massachusetts State Department, at Worcester on February 6, was a brief one, in order that those present might attend the Benefit Concert, at the Municipal Auditorium, for the local Red Cross Chapter, to raise funds to be used in flood relief, sponsored by the YD Club of Worcester, with TED NOYES as General Chairman. An account of this event is included elsewhere.

At the meeting, which was held in the V.F.W. Rooms, it was voted to lay on the table, until the March meeting, any action to elect officers to fill existing vacancies.

Reports were received from Department officers, deputies, and committees. The following chapters were represented: Worcester, Boston, Lynn, Salem, Lowell, Springfield, Fitchburg, Webster-Dudley, Northampton, Milford, Clinton, Marlborough; the best showing in many months.

BERT BUSS, Chairman of Worcester membership drive, outlined progress made, and CLYDE ELLIOTT showed the map of the city with different colored pins at the points where YD men lived, representing paid-up members and potential members. The presence of Webster-Dudley delegates for the first time is to be credited to CLYDE ELLIOTT'S work as district deputy. Encouraging reports on membership were heard from all sectors.

The next meeting will be in Lynn, on March 7, at which nominations will be made for officers for the coming year.

BOSTON

At the Annual Preparatory Meeting, on January 28, the following members were elected to serve as the Nominating Committee to select candidates for offices to be filled at the Annual Meeting, on March 18:

ROBERT DUNCAN, JR. (101st F. A.), ELMER J. CASEY (101st Engrs.), LESLIE E. PERRY (101st Inf.), MALCOLM A. MORRISON (104th Inf.), SIGSBEE C. DONOVAN (101st F. Sig. Bn.).

Following is the annual statement of the Treasurer, for the fiscal year 1936, showing the Club in a stronger financial position than it has enjoyed for many, many years. Figures are sometimes dull and uninteresting, but every reader should study those given here as a record of a splendid accomplishment!

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR YEAR 1936

December 31, 1936

Income	$ 11,278.72	
Expense	9,713.99	
Net Profit for Year		**$ 1,564.73**

BALANCE SHEET
as of December 31, 1936

ASSETS

Cash in Active Bank Account	$ 1,988.83	
Cash on Deposit as Security	200.00	
Petty Cash Fund	10.00	
Cash Register Fund	10.00	
Cash—Military Ball Committee	1.39	
Total Cash		$ 2,210.22
Accounts Receivable		513.14
Rents Receivable		908.32
Insurance Unexpired		166.96
Furniture and Fixtures (Nominal Value)		1.00
Merchandise Inventory (At Cost)		310.26
Prepaid Expenses		84.90
Total Assets		$ 4,194.80

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accounts Payable	$ 00.00
Notes Payable	00.00
Reserve for:	
Membership Dues Prepaid	27.00
Rents Prepaid	49.98
Doubtful Accounts	456.66
Expenses Accrued	88.26
Total Liabilities	$ 621.90
Net Worth or Surplus	**3,572.90**

Complete "Financial Report for Year 1936" will be delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Club, on March 18, 1937.

—JOSEPH J. GALLIGAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The regular January smoker was held on the 28, with Mr. Edward H. Spall, head of the financial division of the Boston Better Business Bureau, as speaker. He told of the many rackets which the bureau has confronted and suppressed in the merchandising and advertising field.

The Huntington Avenue facade (how do you like that for a word?) of the Clubhouse is being given a bath and general scrubbing and curry-combing by a firm of building cleaners who have recently changed the aspect of State Street from that of a railway tunnel to one of sweetness and light. You won't know the old place when they finish, but just look for the number — it's still 200.

MIKE MOONEY contributes the following snappy repartee:

"It was called to my attention by the A. O. M. S. (Ancient Order of Mitt Slingers) of the YD Club that a clipping from the press was tacked on the Club bulletin board, announcing that two old-time boxers, 72 years old, would engage in a six-round bout in Maine this month. On a paper close by, some facetious member wrote, 'why don't JOHN MORRIS, AL SEARS, CHET FINN, HARRY GINSBURG, YOUNG KLOBY, NAP LARABEE and MIKE MOONEY challenge the winner of this bout? It would be great publicity for the YD Reunion in Portland, Me., next June, if one of the above-mentioned knights of the padded glove would fight this old geezer at the reunion'.

"What yer mean, old geezer! The aforementioned members of the A. O. M. S. are not in his class. We are almost as good as the delicatessen boxers who are mulcting John Public today and refuse to exchange fisticuffs with a grandfather.

"Another clipping announced that a course in 'Proper Undressing For Women' would be instituted in New York shortly. Written in pencil over this was, Attention of JOHN H. SMITH, GUS FURDON and MOE GOLDMAN! The writer does not know the ability of the above-mentioned Lotharios in this line of endeavor, but if rumor and versatility is any criterion they can acquit themselves creditably in the new racket.

"The last and most timely item on the board announced that Messrs. HALFENSTINE, KELLEHER, TAYLOR, WATTS and MEADE, better known as the Mad Mullahs of the Heart Disease District of Huntington Avenue, would revive the old English custom of Waif Carrolers, Christmas Eve. These dispensers of Yuletide cheer would motor to the homes of various Bohemians of the YD Club in greater Boston and with song and bottled inspiration distribute Christmas cheer.

YD AUXILIARY — BOSTON

The Yankee Division Auxiliary held its installation of officers at the YD Memorial Club on January 13, with Past President Mrs. Smith acting as installing officer.

The following officers were installed: Honorary President, "Mother" Buswell; President, Mrs. Bertha M. Kenney; Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Catherine Curtin; Junior Vice-President, Ethel Alsen; Recording Secretary, Agnes LaCasse; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Furey; Treasurer, Mrs. Nonie Nugent; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Annie Traverse; Chaplain, Mrs. Charles Randall; Guard, Mrs. Katherine Hanson. Refreshments were served.

Following is the Hospital and Welfare Report for 1936:

Hospital at Rutland Heights —	
(Cigarettes and afghans)	$259.72
Flood relief (Clothing, etc.)	155.00
Welfare for needy families	100.00
	$524.72
Chelsea Naval Hospital —	
6 dozen scarves made Christmas gifts to YD men	$ 7.50

Mrs. LaCasse was chairman of the committee.

The President, Mrs. Kenney, wishes to thank President APPLEBY, Mr. WATTS, Mr. TAYLOR and Mr. SANBORN for their many courtesies.

The members wish to extend their sympathies to Mrs. Annie Traverse on the death of her sister.

A penny sale was held at the home of Mrs. LaCasse on January 28. Another will be held at the home of Mrs. Hannah Driscoll the last of March. Members will be notified by card, and are asked to come and bring their friends.

The President, Mrs. Kenney, has announced the following appointments: Hospital and Welfare, Mrs. LaCasse; Floral, M. Kame; Membership, A. Fleming; Auditing, E. Alsen; Publicity, E. Snape; Sewing, A. Traverse; Social, M. Brennan.

—(Mrs.) EDNA SNAPE.

BROCKTON

President ROY LATHAM, in his reply to the membership drive questionnaire, states that nearly all YD men actually living in the city of Brockton are already members, but that the Club is in possession of a list of 163 YD men in southeastern Massachusetts, that the membership drive to cover this territory was organized on January 22, and that personal contact is being made.

FITCHBURG

The Fitchburg Chapter has held meetings each month since its inception, but inasmuch as we have had considerable difficulty in getting good attendance at our meetings, there has been little to write to you about.

Things look much better since our last meeting, which was held Friday night, January 8, and I hope to be able to give you considerable news from now on.

It was necessary to make an assessment of fifty cents per member to bring the outfit out of the red and by the time of the Worcester State Meeting we will be on our way in the clear.

Our next meeting will again come just before the State Meeting and we will again be able to get this information in our notices.

Hope we have one table for ten at the COLE Banquet and will try to make it two.

Have notified our members that they may pay our Treasurer, FARRELL, for the Christmas cards and hope to get a good response in this way.

Will see you in Worcester and plan to have a good delegation from Fitchburg Chapter present.

—ARTHUR P. SHEA,
Secretary.

HAVERHILL

As this goes to press, a meeting is being held, on Friday evening, February 5, at the V. F. W. Rooms in Haverhill, at the call of JOHN B. DWYER, for the purpose of organizing a chapter there.

HOLYOKE

Holyoke Chapter has fired the gun and three members signed up at the meeting. Blanks were given each man to bring in at least one member. The Junior Vice-Commander has been given a number of blanks as he is chairman. Holyoke now has far more members than it ever had before, and will keep on growing.

They are building a new Soldiers' Memorial here. The V. F. W. and the American Legion Post 25, and Spanish War Vets have sent a petition to keep the YD out. I am a member of two of these organizations, along with the YD. But to me YD is first and as president of Holyoke Chapter I have fought hard and broken down many of the barriers, and I have won out as I have the mayor's word, and he is also the head of the Memorial Commission. So YD will have permanent quarters.

I have told our members to contact all YD men to sign up for this, as they must back me up by signing up as members. I want not less than 100 YD men signed up by May, when we go into these quarters, as we must have this citation to hang in our new room.

—FREDERICK JOHNSON,
President.

LOWELL

A meeting of Lowell Chapter was held on Thursday, January 21, in the office of THOMAS SILVA, in the Chalifoux Building. Owing to the illness of President JOHN O'ROURKE, the meeting was presided over by Vice-President JOHN J. GRAY, with about forty present.

Massachusetts Department President RAY DOUCETTE and National Secretary PHIL SANBORN addressed the meeting on the subject of the membership drive, and also urged that regular monthly or semi-monthly meetings be resumed.

Plans were discussed for the Annual Banquet of the Chapter, to be held some time in February or March, and the following committee was granted power to make all arrangements and report back to the next meeting, on February 3: JOSEPH SEXTON, Chairman; DORAN S. LYONS, JAMES MCKEARNEY, JOHN J. GRAY, and EDWARD SCULLIN.

Several members promised to attend the next State Meeting, at Worcester, on February 7.

The following nominations were made for officers for the coming year: For President, HOWARD J. AKERLY; for Vice-President, JOHN J. GRAY; for Treasurer, ROLAND BLACK; for Secretary, QUINCY PARK; for Chaplain, ROYAL K. HAYES; for Board of Directors, FRANK BACHELDER; THOMAS SILVA, JAMES MCKEARNEY, MARTIN GILLIGAN and GEORGE WALSH.

As nominee for President, HOWARD AKERLY pledged, if elected, to carry out the duties of the office and bring Lowell Chapter back on the map.

Through its President, JOHN O'ROURKE, the club has gone on record as opposed to the investigation, by Mayor Archambeault, of the office of William C. Geary of the Department of State

Aid and Pensions, claiming that the mayor has no authority in the matter, and that the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions is the only person with such authority.

LYNN

RAY "MUSSOLINI" DOUCETTE has been so bedevilled by state meetings, calls for out-of-town speeches as a National officer and whatnot, that it is small wonder that no written report of Lynn Chapter activities has come in, as RAY is the one and only official correspondent from that city.

But no one need to worry much, at any time, about Lynn. A chapter that has held a meeting every Tuesday night since 1919 isn't in any danger of flopping!

The membership drive is going great guns, with teams out ringing door bells about four nights a week, and "getting their man" — or else . . . .

SALEM

Salem Chapter full of pep as usual. New Year Children's Party was held in the YD quarters, Sunday afternoon, January 10. Chairman HECTOR ROULEAU, "Dutch" ALFRED AYERS, HENRY BLANCHETTE, and this committee did a real job. A present for each of the kiddies, ice cream and candy; the Ladies' Auxiliary provided the cold tonic and some candy, and entertainment by our own kids.

After the party we found that we had the makings of a junior amateur show, 65 children present, 40 grown-ups. Marguerite Ayers, six-year-old, sung "My Pretty Red Wing", Tom Conley at the piano; Betty and May Jones, violin and piano; Janet Cormier, songs and tap dance; Thelma Cormier, songs; Doris Dionne, songs; Beatrice St. Charles, songs and tap dancing; Henry Blanchette, Jr., guitar; Charles Thibault, nine-year-old son of President THIBAULT, told daddy he would sing if daddy bought him a bicycle. He sang, "It's A Sin to Tell a Lie", so daddy could not tell a lie, and Charlie has a bicycle now. Everybody had a swell time, thanks to the good work of the committee and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Another live-wire committee is organizing our Second Annual Mardi-Gras and Costume Party, to be held in the YD Quarters, Tuesday, February 9. Last year, with no Ladies' Auxiliary, we had 75 in costume and 140 in attendance. This year, with our Ladies' Auxiliary, the place will not be big enough to take care of the crowd. Modern and old-fashioned dancing, quadrilles, Virginia reels, etc., entertainment and refreshments, all kinds of costumes. Anybody wishing a good time that evening, come to Salem and you will not be sorry.

Convention Committee active and making plans to take in the Convention.

—E. J. T.

SPRINGFIELD

The Annual Banquet and Reception to the National Officers, by Springfield Chapter, was held at the Hotel Charles, in that city, on Saturday, January 23.

Following a most enjoyable "cocktail hour", in a private room, the hundred or more present assembled in the dining room for an excellent dinner, addresses from several national and chapter officers.

Among those at the head table, to address the gathering, sing the praises of the old YD and drink a toast to its future, were: National President AL HERMAN, National Treasurer LEA REDFIELD, National Secretary PHIL SANBORN, National Service Officer ERNIE PARENT, National Sergeant-at-Arms DENNIS BRUNTON, Past National President LEN MALONEY, Department Treasurer TOM CROKAN, Springfield Chapter President JIM ARMESON, Hartford Chapter President ED MILLER, Worcester Chapter Past President CLYDE O. ELLIOTT.

HENRY ROUX, as chairman of the banquet committee, acted as toastmaster in presenting the various speakers. Mr. Erard, chairman of the Board of Aldermen, spoke as the personal representative of the Mayor, confined at home by illness, telling of the esteem in which the YD men of the city were held by the citizens and the city government. He promised his assistance in having the new boulevard, now under construction, named the General Clarence R. Edwards Boulevard, a request sponsored by the Chapter.

In the absence of the Club Chaplain, Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR (Past National Chaplain), the Reverend JOSEPH PATRICK gave a stirring address on the peace-time duties of good citizenship, in which veterans can set a shining example.

Following the meeting, an entertainment was put on by ED MALEY, who persisted in believing himself the star performer, followed by motion pictures.

One of the hardest workers in the chapter is Secretary TOM CROKAN. TOM has had his heart set on signing up the 25 new members necessary to qualify for the presentation of one of the solid gold YD rings which LEA REDFIELD has promised any man accomplishing this feat. And TOM has

arrived! He's got his 25, and more power to him. As he says, "This doesn't mean I'm going to stop. I'm still after every one I can spear." As we go to press, we hear that TOM is either in Newington Hospital or about to go there, but understand it is nothing serious. Hope not, anyhow.

WORCESTER

At the regular meeting, which was held on Thursday evening, January 14, reports of committees were made and all were functioning 100%, especially the membership committee, which is being led by Chairman HERBERT BUSS, who has to date listed all the eligible members by their respective outfits, with a roster of each, all typed, and letters are being mailed to those who are not within the fold.

JUDSON FISH, HARRY BLOCK, JOSEPH LYNCH, GEORGE SCALES, ARTHUR BRIGHAM, and ARTHUR HOLDRIDGE are members of the Hospital Committee.

Report of the Chaplain, ERNIE PARENT, was made, and two recent deaths were noted. Five members of the Worcester Chapter were in hospitals. Comrade JOHN T. KING was discharged from the Rutland Heights Facility on January 13, after six weeks of treatment for his service-connected disabilities; Comrade GEORGE SIMONIAN was discharged from the Newington Facility after a month under observation. Comrade PHILIP MILLAY is undergoing treatment at the Rutland Heights Facility for his service-connected disabilities; his discharge is expected soon.

Tickets for a uniform or the sum of $25.00, which is to be drawn on February 11, are reported as selling very rapidly and the winners will be announced in DOINGS and local newspapers.

Chairman CLYDE O. ELLIOTT of the State Department Meeting has practically all the plans made for at least 200 members; a chicken pie supper, with the fixings, will be served, and plenty of good hot coffee will be on hand, as will the usual beverage of our Comrade, TOM WHITE (after the meeting).

Owing to the demand for contributions for the flood sufferers, the Worcester Chapter will hold a concert at the Worcester Municipal Auditorium on February 7, at 4:30 P. M. The committee will be in charge of EDWIN J. NOYES, executive chairman. Mayor John S. Sullivan will be honorary chairman, CHARLES P. RUGG will be chairman of program and publicity, aided by MALCOLM C. MIDGLEY, JOSEPH W. SMITH, W. CARL LATIONS, FRED A. JONES, JOSEF C. DINE, AL BANX, JOSEPH A. KEBLINSKY, JOSEPH H. GAUTHIER. WILLIAM F. MURPHY is chairman of finance and tickets, assisted by CHARLES E. HILDRETH, HARRY BLOCK and AUSTIN L. KENNEDY. RAYMOND J. ROSSEEL is in charge of the printing. It is expected that this event will be the outstanding achievement of the year sponsored by any military organization in this state. All local talent will be presented and the proceeds will be turned over to the Worcester Chapter of the Red Cross.

On Sunday, January 31, eighty members of the Club, headed by members of the Hospital Committee, HARRY BLOCK, JUD FISH, and Chapter President AL RAND, visited the Rutland Heights Hospital, where they distributed gift packages containing a necktie, playing cards, YD stationery, cigarettes, tooth brush and tooth paste, soap, postage stamps, and candy to every YD patient at the hospital, according to press reports, thirty-two in number. The cost of the gift boxes was $2.00 apiece. In the evening, a twelve-act vaudeville show was put on for the entertainment of the patients by DANNY DUGGAN. Many favorable comments were heard from the YD patients, such as: "There's an outfit that goes through every time!"

As will be seen elsewhere in this issue, in the table of membership standing, Worcester is out in front in point of number of new members signed up.

Worcester Chapter put itself on the map, making the city YD-conscious again as they probably haven't been since the Convention, on Sunday, February 7, by sponsoring a musical program of the highest calibre, in aid of the flood sufferers, in the beautiful Municipal Auditorium.

President AL RAND is one who has absorbed deeply the meaning of the goal of the YD Veterans Association to "serve in peace as in war", and is placing the Worcester Chapter out in the forefront among those doing worthwhile things (and, incidentally, getting for themselves the very best sort of publicity).

The choice of TED NOYES as executive chairman of the benefit concert is one that couldn't have been improved upon. The program itself was worthy of the support and interest of the people of Worcester, and they themselves were the losers in attending to the number of only around 700. But every single cent taken in (at fifty cents a ticket) was clear profit and has been turned over to the local Red Cross. Talent, the hall, the printing, publicity, and every cent of expense, was donated.

Following an organ prelude, invocation was spoken by Rev. Martin L. Cornell, Chaplain of Devens Post, A. L. Choral selections, by the United Choirs of Central Church, were followed by three violin solos, by Miss Myrtle Olson, and two vocal solos by Miss Mary J. McMahon, soprano, Mary V. Lynch, accompanist. The great sunken orchestra platform rose to reveal the members of the Worcester Philharmonic Orchestral Society, who rendered three beautiful symphonies for stringed instruments, in the last of which, Handel's Largo, they were joined by the rich tones of the great organ. Following two baritone solos, by Mr. Francis A. Burns, the Aletheia Grotto Band, taking the place of the orchestra, rendered two stirring marches, an overture, and a cornet duet. Then came the Aletheia Grotto Glee Club, with four numbers. The final tableau was presented by Worcester Post No. 5, American Legion Bugle and Drum Corps, and benediction was pronounced by Rev. Thomas F. Curran of Blessed Sacrament Church.

During the program, Hon. John S. Sullivan, Mayor of Worcester and honorary chairman of the benefit, addressed the gathering in the interest of the flood victims, with words of praise for the YD Club and Chairman Ted Noyes and his assistants for their interest and beautifully arranged program.

The magnificent auditorium (and no other word can describe that great hall) was decorated with the national colors and the YD insignia.

Committees were as follows: Arrangements, William S. Gilliam, Chairman; Thomas H. McCarthy, Charles D. Webster, Roland M. Cook, George R. Elliott, John E. Hauser, and Walter Hazelhurst. Tickets: William F. Murphy, Chairman; Charles E. Hildreth, Chairman for Worcester Chapter, American Red Cross; Nelson G. Brewer, Austin L. Kennedy, Harry Block, Philip M. Morgan, and Nelson P. Wood. Program and Publicity: Charles P. Rugg, Chairman. Program: Malcolm C. Midgley, Fred A. Jones, and Joseph W. Smith. Publicity: Joseph H. Gauthier, G. Arthur Swift, Albert Banx, and Josef C. Dine.

Scores of members of Worcester Chapter acted as ushers. The program was broadcast over Worcester radio stations.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Department President Bill Mulcahy has succeeded in signing up a total of twenty-three new members, and is only two short of getting a YD ring.

PROVIDENCE

The Providence Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association held their January meeting at the Yankee Division Veterans of Foreign Wars Home, 44 Harrison Street, Providence, R. I., on January 20.

The officers that were elected at the November meeting, being temporary, opened the meeting and held an election of permanent officers for the balance of the year. The following officers were elected and installed:

President, Lawrence H. Cook (Hq. Co., 102nd Inf.); Senior Vice-President, Robert N. Sperry (Hq. Co., 102nd Inf.); Junior Vice-President, James C. Gould (A Batt., 103rd F. A.); Chaplain, John Kelley (C Co., 103rd M. G. Bn.); Secretary, Edwin M. Mara (Hq. Co., 51st F. A. Brig.); Historian, Hugh Meehan (C Co., 103rd M. B. Bn.); ; Treasurer, Raymond A. Cook (B Batt., 103rd F. A.); Sergeant-at-Arms, Edward Hayden (C Batt., 103rd F. A.); Trustees: 18 months, Dr. Robert H. Breslin (104th Amb. Co.); 12 months, Duncan Turner (Hq. Co., 102nd F. A.); 6 months, Joseph F. O'Brien (Hq. Co., 102nd F. A.).

A memberhsip campaign is under way and prospects look good for the building up of the chapter.

It was voted at the meeting to ask cooperation from YD Post 272, V. F. W.; YD Post 26, A. L.; YD Drum Corps, 104th Ambulance Association, A and C Company 103rd M. G. Bn. Associations, and also Headquarters Co., Batteries A, B, and C, 103rd Field Artillery Association, to make Seicheprey Day, April 20, 1937, a real party.

There will be an officers' meeting on or about February 15 and a regular Providence Chapter monthly meeting later.

John Swan of the 101st Engineers is a recent new recruit; he is connected with the Lamp Division of the General Electric Co. Al Mitchell and Kenneth Dennis have been laid up with the "flu" and missed the meeting.

—Bill Mulcahy.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

STATE MEETING
Waterbury, January 10

Precisely at 3.30 P. M., President THOMPSON called the meeting to order by having the entire assembly arise and salute the colors as they were advanced to their proper positions.

The Chaplain then offered prayer. The minutes of the last regular meeting, held in Hartford, were read and approved.

President THOMPSON then invited National Officers and distinguished guests to the platform. TOM KELLEY, representing Mayor Hayes, a YD man with the D. S. C.; Brig.-Gen. JIM HAGGERTY, our own JIM; Father ANDERSON of the Episcopal Diocese, Past National Commander LEN MALONEY, National Commander AL HERMAN, National Senior Vice-Commander of the Italian War Veterans, John DiPasteno; State Commander, Italian War Veterans, Angelo Pasmetto, and Commander of V. F. W. Bob McLaughlin.

Roll Call of Officers showed all present but Sergeant-at-Arms ERNEST CLORS, Judge Advocate J. WILLIAM CARROLL, Historian HUGH FOSTER, and Americanization Officer CHESTERFIELD PIRIE.

Roll Call of District Presidents showed only the President of District 2, CHARLES GARDNER, in attendance.

Roll Call of Chapter Presidents showed that ten of the sixteen were present. Bad weather, prevalent throughout the state, no doubt accounted for a great many absences.

Roll Call on chapter attendance gave the gavel to Terryville again, with a 15% plus, vying with Bristol with 15% and Norwalk, a close third, with 14%. There were approximately 200 men in attendance, many of whom we should endeavor to get into our ranks.

Report of the Treasurer showed a balance of $20.14. His report was supplemented by a report from National President AL HERMAN, who reported for Chairman HENRY WOODS on the turkey raffle as follows: Terryville turned in $2.40, Wallingford $2.00, Stamford $3.00, Bridgeport $5.00, Hartford $41.35, New Britain $4.00, Manchester $12.25, Bristol $15.60, New Haven $26.40, Norwalk $11.40, making a total of $123.40. Expenses were $17.00, leaving a balance of $106.40.

A motion was immediately made that we pay Waterbury the balance of our loan, $98.00. This was seconded and it was immediately paid to FRED BEACH, Treasurer of the Waterbury Chapter. It was also voted that a letter of thanks be sent to HENRY WOODS, who did such a fine job.

Reports of Committees: LEN MALONEY reported on YD auto plates. He has had forms printed for all chapters, which will be properly filled out and countersigned by chapter presidents, to be sent in with the applicant's request for new YD. plates. This blank certifies that the applicant is a bonafide YD man and must be a paid-up member.

New Business: The Terryville invitation was accepted. ED MILLER reported for LEA REDFIELD that active progress is being made by the Portland Convention Committee.

Good of the Y. D. V. A.: President THOMPSON remarked at length on membership. TOM KELLEY, D. S. C., representing Mayor Hayes, welcomed the YD to Waterbury and gave us the key to the city. He also expressed the desire that Waterbury may some day be honored as the Convention City. The other guests also addressed the meeting.

—W. W. THOMPSON,
President, Dept. Conn.

TWO CONNECTICUT MEMORIALS TO GENERAL EDWARDS

Two measures, which, if enacted into law, will perpetuate the memory of "Daddy" EDWARDS, were introduced in the Connecticut General Assembly on January 28. One bill, sponsored by the Col. John Henry Parker Chapter of Middlesex County of the Y. D. V. A., provides for naming the new $2,000,000 bridge across the Connecticut River, between Portland and Middletown on Route 14, the General Clarence Ransom Edwards Bridge.

The second measure authorizes the expenditure of not to exceed $10,000 for the erection of a suitable statue of General EDWARDS on the State Capitol grounds in Hartford. The State Commission of Sculpture is designated as the agency to carry out the provisions of the bill.

The Committee is very anxious to obtain snapshots or photographs of "Daddy" EDWARDS in his trench coat and tin hat. Past National President LEN MALONEY promises to be personally responsible for any snaps loaned him. Please send the pictures to LEN at 263 Trumbull Street, Hartford.

In the State Senate, bills covering both projects were introduced by State Senator ANTHONY TELESCA, a member of Winsted Chapter. TONY did yeoman work in the 1933 Assembly in guiding the New Haven Convention Appropriation Bill through legislative channels. He is chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. The House bill for the erection of the statue was introduced by Representative Daniel F. B. Mahaney of Waterbury, while the Portland Bridge bill was introduced by Representative Reilly of Middletown.

The latter measure requires the State Highway Commission to place suitably inscribed tablets at each approach to the bridge. The Middlesex County YD Club plans elaborate dedicatory exercises.

The Major-General Clarence Ransom Edwards Memorial Committee, headed by Past National President LEN MALONEY, is as follows: Ex-officio: ALBERT W. HERMAN, Norwalk, National President, Y. D. V. A.; WILLIAM THOMPSON, Bristol, State President, Y. D. V. A.; Maj. LEONARD J. MALONEY, Chairman, P. O. Box 17, New Haven, Conn; Hon. JOHN S. ADDIS, New Milford; Hon. WALTER E. BATTERSON, Hartford; Hon. EDWARD T. BUCKINGHAM, Bridgeport; Hon. JOHN W. MURPHY, New Haven; Hon. ALFRED N. PHILLIPS, Stamford; Hon. JOSEPH DUTTON, Bristol; Hon. ANTHONY TELESCA, Torrington; Gen. JAMES A. HAGGERTY, New Haven; Col. MICHAEL A. CONNOR, Hartford; Col. JAMES L. HOWARD, Hartford; Col. CHARLES E. LOCKHART, East Haven; Col. JAMES W. CARROLL, Waterbury; Maj. MICHAEL J. GALLULO, Waterbury; Maj. WILLIAM J. MALONE, Bristol; Maj. MICHAEL OWEN, Hartford; Maj. WILLIAM J. SHANNAHAN, Waterbury; Maj. STILLMAN F. Westbrook, West Hartford; Capt. HAROLD N. DORR, New Haven; Capt. EDGAR F. MILLER, West Hartford; Capt. WILLIAM WHITNEY, Norwalk; Prof. ROBERT G. EBERHARD, New Haven; Prof. THEODORE SIZER, New Haven; Prof. CHARLES N. HOOVER, Middletown; Dr. CHARLES H. SPRAGUE, Bridgeport; WILLIAM P. ADAMS, Danbury; RODMAN CHAMBERLAIN, New Britain; WILLIAM P. DIBBLE, Meriden; RAYMOND C. FROST, New Britain; EDWARD GORMAN, Torrington; MORGAN B. HAVEN, New London; GEORGE H. HOLLISTER, Hartford; JAMES J. LEE, Willimantic; JAMES MORRELL, Bridgeport; BENJAMIN PITMAN, Stamford; PATRICK READY, Ansonia; WILLIAM STARKE, Chester; WILLIAM THORNTON, Manchester; LOUIS ZIEGRA, Deep River.

BRISTOL

President BILL THOMPSON, in returning his questionnaire on the membership drive, states that, so far as Bristol is concerned, their task is practically completed — that there are only about three YD men in town who are not already members.

The Chapter is forming a Ladies' Auxiliary and, by cooperated effort between the two bodies, expects to have even larger attendance at the meetings. (We don't know whether BILL means that when the ladies become interested they'll let their hubbies out to meetings, or whether he means joint meetings, with the fair sex present, will attract larger attendance.)

HARTFORD

Hartford is out to trim the hide off New Haven as the largest chapter in Connecticut (and New Haven is equally determined they won't do it!). President ED MILLER reports that all available lists of prospects have been drawn up, and active membership committees appointed, that nearly every member of the chapter is on a membership team.

The Annual Dinner of Hartford Chapter was held in the Saengerbund Club, 266 Washington Street, on Saturday evening, February 6, with just under 200 present. In every respect it was at least equal to, if not better than, the splendid party a year ago.

Following an excellent turkey dinner and a

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fine program of entertainment (and here's a big hand to the entertainment chairman, whose name your reporter neglected to get), President Ed Miller introduced as toastmaster one of Connecticut's best-liked and most widely-known YD men, Col. Mike Connors, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Mike warned every speaker that, with the exception of Al Herman, each was limited to two minutes' speaking time — and they all kept within the limit. Some of these were: Past National President Len Maloney, National Secretary Phil Sanborn, Bill Thompson, President of Connecticut Department; Bill Mulcahy, President of Rhode Island Department. Others who rose for a bow included Gen. Edwin E. Lamb, Col. Mike Owens, Mr. Coughlin, Buck Cunningham, State Vice-President, of Waterbury; National Service Officer Ernie Parent.

In a rattling good five-minute address, President Al Herman wound up the speaking program, following which motion pictures of the Yankee Division were shown.

A feature of the evening was the presentation to President Al Herman of 44 new members from Hartford Chapter by Membership Chairman Mara.

The gathering was one of which any organization might be proud. It is reported that YD Chapter in Hartford is now, both in numbers and activities, the leading veteran organization in the city!

MERIDEN

At last, Meriden hears from Walter Boardman! He has finally revived from New Year's Eve, with lots of pep and news. Walter and Harry Adams thought they were walking over shell-holes New Year's and neither could do much for the other. Walter had knee trouble, but was successfully operated on the next day. Harry Adams had a clinging vine for a partner New Year's Eve and, as a consequence, suffered a dislocated neck.

D. I. Materese of the Cabin Grill won a YD turkey and invited all YD's to a full-course turkey dinner, which was enjoyed by all.

Getting down to brass tacks, President Ed Leck announces, through our Secretary, Capt. Feegal, D. S. C. (and everybody in Meriden knows our Capt. Feegal), that a membership drive will start at once for 1937 dues.

At present Meriden has 40 paid-up members and we are out to get the rest.

There are a certain few Meriden buddies who attend all state meetings and won't miss until it is too far away to attend. Where are the rest of you buddies?

This is our first write-up, so give us big print. Thank you.

—Walter Boardman.

NEW HAVEN

Unless something is done, and done soon, New Haven Chapter will become just another veterans' organization. Interest has been lagging and attendance at meetings is just an apology. It is not difficult to find the reason. You could count on the fingers of one hand the number of members who sincerely strive to keep the chapter at the height it attained after the New Haven Convention. There is too much talk and too little action. Meetings are, for the most part, uninteresting and the officers, with some exceptions, seem anxious only to complete their terms. Our last meeting was attended by but seventeen members, with President Lee, Chaplain Geenty and the Sergeant-at-Arms the only officers present.

Highlights of the meeting were the receipt of $69.00 from the joint Armistice Night Committee as the chapter's share of the profits, and the decision to really do something about the chapter's assessment for the General Edwards Cleveland Memorial.

Fred Hirsch — a real worker — has been named chairman of a committee to run a Dutch Supper on February 11. The proceeds will go toward paying the $25.80 assessment. The money received from the Armistice Night dance was promptly apportioned among our debtors. We are still in the hole.

Comrades Forest Thatcher and Frank Geer were reported ill. Chaplain Parker sought help for a former member of Headquarters Company, 102nd Infantry. Thanks were received from Comrade Anthony Caruso for the action of the chapter on his father's death. The members were instructed that YD auto plates would be restricted to members of the Y. D. V. A. and to men who could produce an honorable discharge from the 26th Division, A. E. F. Cards to be used by members were distributed.

At the request of Tony Teta, former members of Co. D, 101st M. G. Battalion and Co. D, 103rd M. G. Battalion were asked to meet members of the present organization (Mounted Machine Gun Detachment) at a dinner meeting to be held at the Hotel Garde on February 6. It was announced that Bob Murphy won one of the turkeys raffled off by the State Department before Christmas. The chapter sold 40 books for the State Department. Len Maloney and Jim

HAGGERTY represented the chapter at the General COLE Dinner in Boston on the 26th. The boys in this section are beginning to wonder what Portland is doing about the convention. There has been very little publicity and no direct contact between the Convention Committee and the chapters. Some of the lads attended the Springfield Chapter's annual dinner at the Hotel Charles in that village.

The chapter held its regular semi-monthly meeting on January 28. Attendance was better than usual, but still far from what it should be. President FRANK LEE presided, and Junior Vice-President ALEX FLYNN, Secretary RAYMOND V. KENNEY, and Chaplain JOHN HENRY PARKER were also present. Plans for the Dutch Supper to be staged in connection with the visit of the National Officers, on Thursday, February 11, were discussed.

It was disclosed that LEN MALONEY and General JIM HAGGERTY were the only two members of the Chapter present at the testimonial dinner to General COLE. The Chapter subscribed $15 to the American Red Cross for flood relief.

The first of a series of meetings, at which speakers will be heard, is scheduled for February 25, at which time Judge Raymond J. Devlin of the New Haven City Court bench will speak on the subject of "Off the Record". The Judge's talk will deal with bits of human interest that pass before his eyes in the Municipal Court and never reach the newspapers.

—R. V. K.

New Haven Chapter of the Y. D. V. A. is planning to bring Elsie Janis from California during April to head a vaudeville bill for the Timmy Ahearn Memorial Fund. Hartford Chapter has expressed its interest in using Miss Janis while she is in Connecticut to raise funds for their own needs. If any other chapters in New England, or reasonably near New England, want to have Elsie to include their town in her itinerary, the President should write to LEN MALONEY, Box 17, New Haven.

—L. J. M. and R. V. K.

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NORWALK

On Monday, January 25, members of Bridgeport and Stamford Chapters were guests of Norwalk Chapter at a clam chowder and spaghetti supper, served in the V. F. W. Rooms, at 60 Wall Street.

Arrangements were made for the annual Seicheprey Banquet for the Norwalk-Stamford-Bridgeport area, which will be held in April in Bridgeport.

It was announced that a State Meeting will be held in Bristol in February, and that Norwalk will be the host at the March State Meeting. Boxing bouts will be presented as a feature of the March meeting.

Members of Norwalk Chapter visited the Stamford Chapter at its meeting Monday night, February 1, at the home of Comrade KEITH, in Glenbrook.

ALBERT HERMAN, national commander of the Y. D. V. A., spoke at a father and son night, sponsored by Norwalk Post, No. 141, Jewish War Veterans, Monday night in the Jewish Center, West Avenue.

On February 23, all members of the Norwalk YD Club will attend a special meeting of the New York YD Chapter, of which BILL CORUM, sports columnist for the New York American, is president.

VALLEY CHAPTER

News at last from Valley Chapter. A meeting was held at the State Armory, Tuesday evening, January 19, and was largely attended. The boys answered the call to come and apply for their YD Markers—for the Old Bus—and it looks as if we will see a great many more YD's on the road this year.

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice-President HARRY COMOVICH, in the absence of President JONES, who is confined with the grippe. All other officers were present. The chapter now has 23 paid-up members, with five fully paid for the coming year.

It was voted to send an invitation to our National President and his Staff to attend our next meeting, which will be held at the State Armory, February 16, at 8 P. M. We are also sending out invitations to all YD men in the Valley, in hopes of having them join up.

Treasurer FRED HUMMEL told the boys of how our National President, AL HERMAN, took us over the coals, at the State Meeting in Waterbury, for being inactive.

The boys thought that we should have refreshments served after the meetings, but FRED

would not loosen up with any of the chapter's money (and, believe me, if it gets into FRED'S hands, it stays), so the boys chipped in and are going to have refreshments anyway. FRED came across with his own donation, by the way. Past President FRANK AHEARN attended and told of the good time he had at the Worcester Convention. Oh, yes, it was so long ago he couldn't remember everything. JACK MORAN is waiting for that party(?) to send his hat back. Have patience, JACK.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M., all members promising to work for new members.

—JACK HUNIHAN,
Secretary.

WATERBURY

"P. C. Vigneulles"

This business of being a "literary Secretary", along with the regular job, sort of keeps a fellow talking to himself and putting off the literary end of it until a few minutes before the time limit. In an active Post, such as the Waterbury Chapter, one should wear white cuffs and carry a pencil over one's ear to be all ready to do a little jotting down when the news comes in. This month, I am glad to have a few personals to chronicle, and here they are:

BILL BROWN is putting in the winter at Camp Smith, Waterbury, Vermont.

For the honor of "snappiest-looking officer", we nominate CLARENCE MARSELLA of the Waterbury Police Force.

Best wishes to HOWARD HICKCOX in his new position as Assistant Office Manager at the Worden Dairy.

Our sympathy is extended to CLAYTON BARROWS and his family, of Hartford, in the recent loss of his mother. BARROWS was the former "top kick" of H Co., 102nd Inf.

Likewise we extend our sympathy to BILL SANDLAND, an Honorary Member of our chapter, in the recent loss of his wife, and to GEORGE and LOUIS AYOTTE, who recently lost their mother.

EARL COOLEY is building a house in the newly-fashionable prospect section. We hope to be invited out for a house-warming.

New Year Greetings are acknowledged from GEORGE W. CARROLL of Boston, one of our out-of-town members.

We hear that GEORGE DELANEY is at Newington and hope it is for just a short stay.

Comrade ANTHONY PALLADINO and Mrs. Palladino, now of Bridgeport, made us a short visit around Christmas time.

Mrs. Cecile Kerins is recovering from an illness she has suffered since before Christmas time. Mrs. Kerins is Second Vice-President of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

That seems to be the end of the list this month, but when our members read them I hope they will remember that I am at the end of a certain telephone line and always eager for the news to relay to YANKEE DOINGS.

Since writing, we called a joint meeting and, as per our usual schedule, both Chapter and Auxiliary gained a few more members. After the meeting we had a very sociable time. We got our player-piano going and then for the old-fashioned dances, broomstick dances and what not — but I mustn't forget to add that of course we had refreshments and went to them just as though we never ate at home.

The ladies of the Auxiliary tell me they had a very pleasant meeting lately, when they entertained as guests several ladies from the newly-organized Bristol Auxiliary. Good luck to you, Bristol ladies! We extend an invitation to you to attend our next joint meeting and to bring along the men folks. Keep in touch with us.

Comrade JEREMIAH GRIFFIN, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, urges all members of the Connecticut Chapters, and as many of our out-of-state members as can attend, not to forget the

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banquet to be held in Waterbury, celebrating Seichprey Day, April 17.

A flying squadron from Waterbury, composed of State Senior Vice-Commander JOE CUNNINGHAM, JERRY GRIFFIN, AL SUMPF, BILL CASHIN and myself, attended a Booster Meeting of the Meriden Chapter, at the American Legion Home in Meriden, this week. We enjoyed the meeting very much and the refreshments served after the meeting hit the spot.

—WALTER L. BOLAN,
Secretary.

The following clipping from the Boston Globe is the sort of publicity to put the Y. D. V. A. on the map, and shows how the papers, even in a city the size of Boston, will give space to YD doings in a town in another state, if there is news value.

Yankee Division veterans living in Waterbury and vicinity have organized a "big brother club" to assist in guiding wayward adolescents into useful careers, it was revealed today.

FREDERICK W. ROWE, chairman of the committee in charge, reported to the Big Brother and Big Sister Federation in New York that his local unit is composed entirely of veterans who fought overseas with the 26th Division. Each of them has agreed to accept the assignment of some delinquent boy, to whom he will give fatherly advice and help in his struggle to become a useful citizen.

Miss Kathleen Crowley, local probation officer, will cooperate and "assign each of us a boy who has run afoul of the law and will introduce each former soldier to his 'little brother' ", ROWE reported. Each veteran will then be bound to spend at least two hours a week in giving the lad assigned to him personal attention.

Dr. Sheldon Glueck of Harvard University, professor of criminology, is president of the federation. He will soon announce a new program of policies for the organization, which has 342 members and affiliated groups. No racial or religious lines are drawn and it is estimated that more than 500,000 boys and girls have received big brother and big sister help in the past decade.

WILLIMANTIC
Windham County Chapter

In replying to the membership questionnaire, President GARDINER HALL writes: "We started our drive here several days before we received the notice from National Headquarters that one was on. We have one committee on membership that is going good right now; others are working off and on. We figure to make a real good showing. New members are coming in slowly, but it is my belief that we will have the majority of YD men signed up in two weeks, possibly a month. We have no intention of letting up until we have gone our limit."

At a meeting on February 1, all the present officers were reelected for another year and the offices of Junior Vice-President and Chaplain were filled for the first time. Following are the chapter officers: President, GARDINER H. HALL; Senior Vice-President, ELLIOTT MOSHIER; Junior Vice-President, HENRY PUKALLUS; Secretary, EZEB J. LAPAN; Treasurer, CHARLES MAAS; and Chaplain, TOM DELANEY.

On February 13, the club will have "Doc Snyder and his Texans", of radio fame, at the State Armory for a benefit performance, proceeds to go to flood relief.

—G. H. H.

WINSTED

President SAM TUBIN is now employed in the Capitol City of Hartford, so the boys don't get a chance to see him as much as they would like to. But the chapter still goes on under the guidance of members sworn to do their honest duty to YD. Much comment is being made on what we can do here in Winsted to get more members. There is a large field, but there seems to be a lack of enthusiasm, probably a hang-over from the old days when much feeling existed between different veterans' organization. However, we expect that in the near future we will have some more members.

President TUBIN attended the Gen. CHARLIE COLE Dinner, in Boston.

—W. WATERHOUSE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

CHICAGO

At midnight on February 20, under the sponsorship of Chicago Chapter, Y. D. V. A., a motion picture pre-view benefit is to be held at the Monroe Theatre, the proceeds to go toward the George Dilboy Memorial Fund for the purpose of erecting a memorial to this Congressional Medal of Honor YD hero, at Hines, Ill.

Arrangements for a program to attract a packed house have been made by R. ALLEN USHER of Paramount Pictures, a most active and loyal member of the chapter.

Incidentally, Mr. USHER writes that he plans a European trip, leaving in May, and will be glad to carry any messages or do anything for the benefit of the Y. D. V. A. while in France.

Nomination of officers was held at the Midland Club, 172 West Adams Street, on February 9; too late for results to be made known here.

CLEVELAND

The meeting on Sunday, January 24, was very much a success and I am beginning to realize the interest the men have in the organization and their desire to cooperate in making this chapter the real thing.

I had articles in all three of the Cleveland papers announcing the meeting and sent out 134 cards —and the attendance was 15. I also received phone calls from some that could not get there, and the weather was the worst we have had this winter, but those that came were very enthusiastic and interested. I want to quote Comrade MACGILLIS: "I have been a luke-warm member of the Legion and other veteran organizations, but this hits me as the real thing and I am glad to see it going". This seemed to be the spirit of all.

The following officers were elected: President, FRED H. FLAHAVEN; Vice-President, GEORGE CORMIER; Secretary, RALPH H. SHAW; Treasurer, E. T. GONSALVES.

Motion was made to apply for a charter as "Ohio Unit", with headquarters in Cleveland. Motion made to notify Mrs. Otis that she is chosen as Mother of the Chapter, and secretary to write her. Rules, by-laws, etc., to be drawn up as soon as charter is received. Send charter to me and I will act accordingly in assisting the secretary. Motion to have one meeting a month for the time. Headquarters to be Wade Park Manor, East 107th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Reunion Dinner to be held Saturday, April 3, 1937.

Find enclosed a check for twelve dollars and applications for six members. Please send all correspondence and cards to the secretary in the future, not that I do not want to hear from you, but I want the secretary to have the full benefit of the job. RALPH was in the 101st Trench Mortar and is a regular guy and a good worker.

—F. H. F.

DETROIT

The request of the National Headquarters, for us to hold a special meeting and start on the membership campaign, arrived after the tenth of January, but, with reference to such a campaign, I want to say that since our organization we have been constantly working on this very thing, therefore, we did not hold a special meeting.

Our last meeting was held Friday, January 29, with a turnout of twelve members. Reports of some of the men received stated that due to shift work, graduation exercises, and attacks of the "flu", they could not be present. However, we are proud to say that we can claim good results from our efforts to date.

From the enclosed "Membership Questionnaire" and copy of our last letter sent out to prospective members who have failed to acknowledge receipt of previous communications, a list of names of members and non-members and their addresses, you will be able to realize that we have utilized every opportunity to canvass and secure the names and their agreement to join our YD Club. From the result of our last letter we have received, out of a total of eighteen to twenty letters, a reply from seven YD men and one member of another division who was presumed to have been a YD man.

Through the cooperation of Vice-President WALTER CROWELL, we received the name and address of a YD man living in Pontiac, Michigan, with whom we have corresponded but, so far, failed to receive a reply. With reference to this same city, through an accidental meeting with the Commander of the Cook-Nelson Post, American Legion, who is a YD man, it was learned that there are approximately twelve to fifteen YD men living in that city and we are arranging to contact them through the press and by personal contact and have them join us or organize a club of their own.

With a start of three men last spring, we now can boast of nineteen paid-up members and a prospective list of members numbering thirty-three, not considering the YD men in Pontiac, Michigan. Our progress has been gradually gaining in strength and we can state that every member is solidly behind us, not only with the spirit of the YD, but also with a willingness to assist in any way to make our club the best in the country.

Our meetings to date have been far from those staid and dry affairs that are current in the majority of cases and have taken on an aspect of friendliness and comradeship in their full meaning. The men gather around in a circle and, after the meeting is called to order, retain their positions, interested and ready to do what is

voted upon and to offer their assistance during or after the meeting in any way that would mean a greater good for the YD Club and for the YD men and, when this is so at a business meeting, it isn't any wonder that the YD can attain its objective.

We regret the transfer of HERVE J. L'HEUREUX from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Stuttgart, Germany, although, in the same token, we feel pleased that it is his good fortune to occupy the position of American Consul there and that he is a YD man. We lose an active member in person, but still know he is with us as strong as ever in spirit. His new address is: U. S. Consulate, Stuttgart, Germany. Bon voyage, and good fortune to him and his family.

With the best of wishes for the exceptional success of the National Campaign, and regards to you, I remain,

—DAVE SWARTZ.

NEW YORK

With the meeting, Tuesday, January 26, of the New York Chapter, at the Seventh Regiment Armory, New York Chapter completed the first year of its existence as far as monthly meetings were concerned. On February 23, the chapter will celebrate its inauguration with the election of officers for 1937, in the presence of the National Officers of the Y. D. V. A., and it is certain to be an occasion.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to hold this February meeting at the Seventh Regiment Armory, as the "Knickerbocker Grays" are holding an anniversary in the "Rumpus Room" on that date. However, plans are being made to hold the meeting in one of New York's many famous hotels; which one will be announced later.

The January meeting was called in the "Rumpus Room" after the usual excellent dinner, served in the Col. Appleton Mess Hall, and about fifty members were present.

The meeting got under way at 8.15 P. M., Vice-President BEN PITMAN presiding in the absence of President BILL CORUM.

The opening prayer was read by Acting Chaplain ERNEST KLUGE, after which the regular ritual followed.

The chapter adopted an innovation several meetings past, where each member present arises and gives his name and organization; this practice usually follows the ritual and the regular business of the meeting is then carried on.

Our Secretary, TED SCHOONMAKER, read the minutes of the December meeting and he was followed by Treasurer FRED BROWN with his report.

Vice-President BART KILEY, chairman of the Welfare Committee, reported that all was well with his department and no cases needing his attention had presented themselves since last meeting.

In the absence of JOE MCGLONE, FRED BROWN reported activities of the membership committee. The Downtown Luncheon Club met on Friday, January 15, at the Stock Exchange Club, and the Uptown Luncheon Club had its monthly meeting as usual on Friday, January 22, at the Columbia Club, on West 43rd Street.

ED NELSON reported that everything was coming along nicely for the Portland Convention and he promised a real nice turnout in June.

The chapter expects to have new colors to be used for the parade at the convention.

We were very much pleased to be honored with the presence of Colonel HUME, who put in his appearance just at this stage of the meeting. The Colonel looked very chipper, and gave the boys a fine talk in which he invited all of the members to the "State of Maine", which he claimed was still in the Union despite the rumors that have been going the rounds since November.

The regular meeting closed at this point and Vice-President BEN PITMAN turned the remainder of the evening over to the Entertainment Committee.

We fellows down here in New York do not need any professional entertainment, although we have had our share during the year. The members themselves have enough talent to put on a show that is hard to beat.

OTIS CULVER at the piano and NORMAN LODGE with a few of his Scotch stories could team up any time on Keith's Circuit.

JACK CONNELLY of Pathe fame, who recently returned from Paris, told us a few "new" stories, which is something. DEMPSEY and BOB DICKSON added more later on, and NORMAN LODGE and OTIS CULVER took command of the situation from then on.

Some new-comers were present, including HENRY DERBY and JOHN GURLEY.

Old Man BILL MULHALL, late of the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, was a visitor this week, after a flying trip to Boston. BILL has been in Miami, Fla., for the past twelve years and he looks fine. While in Boston he stopped in at the Boston Club, but no one seemed to want him to rejoin the Association up there so we signed him up in New York. It is very dangerous to send these men down this way, Boston, as we are

looking for new members all of the time.

Our Chaplain, the Reverend ALLEN EVANS (104th Inf.), has been appointed Dean of the Divinity School (Protestant-Episcopal), in Philadelphia; and won watever fame may be attached to having his name in "Time", the weekly newsmagazine.

See you all in February at the BIGGEST meeting that any YD Chapter ever had!

—"POP KNICKERBOCKER".

ST. LOUIS

FRANCIS L. FOLEY, erstwhile of Chicago, now of the Mound City, armed with zeal and a dozen application blanks, is doing what he can to dig out YD men in the hitherto sterile territory of St. Louis.

WASHINGTON

Wednesday, February 3, was the big night in Washington, with the Annual Dinner Dance and installation of officers at the Lafayette Hotel, on 16th Street. National President ALBERT W. HERMAN was guest of honor and acted as installing officer to the following:

President, DAVID B. HERMAN; 1st Vice-President, JOSEPH WILNER; 2nd Vice-President, EUGENE F. BURR; 3rd Vice-President, E. R. CLEAVELAND; Treasurer, RAYMOND J. QUEENIN; Secretary, PAUL G. "DUSTY" RHODES; Corresponding Secretary, PAUL L. HUTCHINS.

Up to press time, DOINGS has received no eye-witness account of the affair, but having attended many in years past, your reporter knows what a grand time Washington Chapter puts on at its annual dinner. If we get a chance to get the story from AL HERMAN in time to squeeze it in, you'll find it below.

The new President, DAVE HERMAN, is a Yank who hails from Maryland. He has been an active member of the Club from the very start, and is also serving a term as Department Quartermaster, V. F. W., Department of D. C.

Prexie JOHN CASWELL must have had a breakfast that didn't digest when he answered the questionnaire on membership. In addition to stating that the only help National Headquarters could furnish would be to "let us run our own show as we have for the past fifteen years", he allowed as how no personal contact for members was to be made with the curt reply, "We don't lobby". But when it comes to saying that the national body and the YD Club of Boston "crash through" when Washington is carrying out solemn exercises at the Old Man's grave, that's a bit steep. We were ASKED, JOHN, to send wreaths, and we DID!

Company H, 182nd Infantry, M. N. G., of Concord, Mass., came to Washington for the Inauguration. They made a very nice gesture while here, going to Arlington Cemetery and decorating General EDWARDS' grave. The entire company of sixty men were in uniform, with the YD on their shoulders, and made a fine impression in Washington. Their Captain is WILLIAM A. HAGERTY, old YD vet, while Major JOHN C. DOLAN, whom we all know so well, came as a guest of the outfit, which he captained for so many years.

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

Regimental Council Meeting: Although the weather was bad, we had a well-attended and constructive council meeting at Woburn, Sunday, January 3. One hundred members were present and many prominent men in civil and political life in the City of Woburn were also present. A catered buffet lunch was served in the Armory after the regular business meeting and, needless to say, a good time was had by all (ask a few of the members' wives, as I am being blamed for getting them home at 4.00 A. M. the following morning).

Convention: As you perhaps already know, the convention is going to be run Friday, September 10, Saturday, September 11, and Sunday, September 12, in the City of Woburn. The tentative plans that have been laid out by the General Chairman of the Convention, JIM SHEERIN, are to run a Monster Smoke Talk on Friday night and, on Saturday, a Monster Athletic Event in the afternoon; then, on Sunday afternoon, September 12, the biggest and best parade

ever held in this state will be conducted under our auspices. Plenty of more about the Convention as the time rolls on.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets: We went to a tremendous expense to make every member of the outfit happy and, while we are temporarily BROKE, we have plenty of courage and confidence and feel that it will be only a short time before our heads again will be above water. *We all did a good job and are very proud. Next year we will be prepared.*

Amateur Boxing: On Wednesday, December 30, we conducted our first show, in conjunction with the Boston Globe Golden Glove Contest, at the Irish-American Hall, 220 Broadway, South Boston, and the profit of $146.00 that was made went a tremendous way toward alleviating the expense of the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. On Friday, January 15, *we conducted our second show, at* Irish-American Hall, 220 Broadway, South Boston, *and the greatest amateur boxers ever to show in New England appeared and boxed under our auspices.* —"KNOCKO".

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

104th U. S. INF. VETERANS ASS'N., A.E.F.
18th ANNUAL REUNION

The 18th Annual Reunion of this Association takes place at the home of the famous Mohawk Trail of New England, in Adams-North Adams, the border of the Berkshires (the home of Company M). Therefore, make your reservations now for the eighteenth gathering, on April 23 and 24. Your Reunion Committee, headed by General Chairman ALFRED F. BAILOT, 2 Forest Park Avenue, Adams, Mass., is preparing a real good time. You will not be disappointed in any way. Starting on Friday noon, something will be provided to keep you going until the close of the reunion, on Saturday, April 24.

You will receive a Reunion Bulletin direct from the Reunion Committee, on or about April 1, giving you full details and a complete outline for the entire she-bang. DON'T WAIT — *Send your advance registration now. Your Reunion Committee is now meeting every Sunday, so why not encourage them with your financial support and at the same time win a prize for your company unit. The Registration will be $2.00.*

Your Historian, Mr. Fifield, advises us that the actual writing of the 104th History will be completed prior to the Reunion. You 104th men have not encouraged the History Committee to any great extent, as only approximately 5% of our 3,000 members have sent in either a part or full payment of the advance publication payment. HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PART? If not, send it to Adjutant WAGNER. Remember, if enough Comrades want the History, we are assuming the cost will be $5.00. WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

Help your ADAMS-NORTH ADAMS REUNION COMMITTEE by sending in your advance Registration, with fee; Help your History Committee and your Association by carrying out some of the suggestions. See you at the 18th Annual Reunion in the Northern Berkshires of Massachusetts, the home of the famous Mohawk Trail of New England, on April 23 and 24, 1937.

—HAROLD G. WATTS, *Commander.*
—LAWRENCE A. WAGNER, *Adjutant.*

A COMPANY

ARTHUR HOLDRIDGE of Worcester writes that ERNIE COUTURE, a former member of Worcester Chapter, an A Company man, who is now in Los Angeles, is very much improved in health and expects to return to Massachusetts in April. That he would like to locate some employment not requiring hard manual labor, as his health will not stand it. Asks the YD to help find something for him. What do you know of, boys? Here's a chance to be of real help.

JOE MAYNARD has recently joined the ranks of the married men. He believes in "Safety First" by marrying a sweet little New York nurse, and plans to start housekeeping in Auburn soon.

101ST FIELD ARTILLERY

HAROLD C. WOOD has been in the American Consular Service in Mexico since February 1920, the last seven years being spent in Piedras Negras, Coah. He has a very charming wife, who is a Guaymas, Sonora, girl, and two boys. Before coming to this last place, HAROLD had been stationed for over two years at Salina Cruz, Oaxaca, on the Pacific side of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec; three months at Durango and a year at Mexico City. Then he was sent to Vera Cruz and finally to Puerto, Mexico. Piedras Negras is just across the border from Eagle Pass and it would please WOOD very much to hear from any of his former comrades; pay him a visit if you are down that way.

—G. W. T.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

CAPERS OF C

The thirteenth annual meeting of Company C, 101st Engineers Association, was held January 16, 1937, at the YD Club of Boston. Comprising the gang were BOOTH, BRACKETT, CAHOON, CARTER, CONNOLLY, DELGROSSO, FLEISHNER, GIBLIN, HEALD, KELLEHER, LABRANCHE, J. MULLEN, MCMAHON, MCGARVEY, HARRY PORTER, RILEY, SWART, H. E. SMITH, TYLER, WHITCHER, WRIGHT and WHITE.

The Nominating Committee, PORTER, SWART and FLEISHNER, submitted the name of PETE MCGARVEY to take the place of CLYDE BOOKER as a member of the Governing Committee. H. E. SMITH was Acting Chairman.

Letters received from: PIERCE, Saint Catherine's, Ontario, Canada; THORPE, Pittsford, Michigan; PERRONE, Bath, Michigan; CHASE, Longmeadow, Mass.; CLOUGH, Providence, R. I.; M. LYNCH, Springfield, Mass.; STUART, Lewiston, Maine; and BILL HARRIS, were read and enjoyed.

EBEN CLOUGH is on his way to Bermuda — honeymooning. RUSS CHASE mentions that BEN ROWE shot a buck near his front door, and that CHARLIE FOSTER is coming down this way from Annapolis Royal next summer. ERNEST STUART got his doe on the Canadian border. BILL HARRIS is boosting an Anniversary Dinner, next September, in memory of the sailing of the Andania. Those interested, please drop BILL a line, YD Club, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston.

The Old Orchard Committee, consisting of TONY BRACKETT, H. E. SMITH, HARRY PORTER, and DWIGHT UNDERWOOD, are now planning for the Old Orchard Reunion, at the time of the YD Convention, in June.

Good wishes are extended to RAY MCAULEY, LEO PARKER, FRANK O'BRIEN, and JOE LEAHY, who are reported on the sick list.

H. H.

F COMPANY

Wonder of wonders! Who should appear at the General COLE Dinner but our old skipper, GEORGE I. CROSS. He reported that the only thing that floored him was the fact that we had grown up; says he still thinks of us all as boys. Was hunting around through the vast gathering for F Company men. We don't know how many he found, but saw him talking with LEA REDFIELD and JOHN MCCOLL. GEORGE is living in Worcester.

Funds for the EDDIE BRUSH Memorial Tablet, to be placed in the Cadet Armory, have come in fairly well, but more is needed. It is planned to hold the dedication this Spring.

Haven't seen or heard from a great many of the boys; meet MATTY HOWARD occasionally, ED PURDY and one or two others.

Another stranger at the YD Club appeared in the person of LEON "STRING" JONES, who signed up as a member for the coming year. "STRING" is anxious to get back onto the Boston Police Force and, now that the appointment of new officers has been authorized, his chances look good.

ELMER CASEY has been appointed a member of the YD Club Nominating Committee.

Ran across Bugler "WOODROW" WILSON down to Portland a few months back, and clean forgot to mention it.

Elsewhere in this number is recorded that HENRY PUKALLUS of Norwich, Conn., is Junior Vice-President of Willimantic Chapter, Y. D. V. A.

EDDIE SAULNIER, although finished as President of Lynn YD Club a year or so ago, is still one of the most active members in the hectic activities of the Club.

As chairman of the tickets and seating at the huge General COLE Banquet, LEA REDFIELD did a masterly job.

—P. N. S.

SIGNAL CORPS SIGNALS

Nothing would please DOINGS more than to be able to print the fascinating travelogues submitted monthly by good old GEORGE WASHINGTON TWOMBLY, who is "doing" the Southwest up brown — Texas, New Mexico, and "old" Mexico. But it is, for the most part, NOT YD news, except inasmuch as a YD man is the one reporting it. Other than that, the articles are fine reading, filled with scenery, historical facts, humor and local color.

According to latest reports, GEORGE has just left Eagle Pass, on the Mexican Border, for Montezuma and Mexico City, a seven hundred or more mile trip each way, where the wonderful new highway at times reaches altitudes of 8,000 feet!

He has visited for several days with HAROLD C. WOOD (101st F. A.), American Consul at Piedras Negras, Mexico, and shuttled back and forth over the southern part of Texas, visiting

the Alamo and several of the old Spanish missions.

In going to visit Maj. SUMNER NEEDHAM, who lives in San Antonio, he crossed a dam over the San Antonio River built, after a flood back in 1921, by Col. SAMUEL FORDER CRECELIUS, formerly Lieutenant-Colonel of the 101st Engineers.

GEORGE also writes that he and H. B. KELLERSBERGER had a two-man Signal Corps Reunion in Amarillo, where the latter lives, and dispelled the fog and rain over a bottle of Seagram's.

Reports that the Signal Corps Reunion in the Spring, in Pennsylvania, will probably be held as usual, place not yet decided. GEORGE doesn't know yet where he, himself, will be. Letters to him may be sent care of YD Club, Boston, from whence they will be forwarded.

Sorry, old *****, to have to cut your stuff down so, but I'm keeping it all for posterity.

—G. W. T., excised by P. N. S.

101st MACHINE GUN B'N.

All is quiet on our front at present. Several of the "agents" are being given auditions at Troop B Armory, Hartford, in anticipation of becoming members of the newly formed Governor's Horse Guard. All former troop members are eligible, regardless of race, color or hue. It is doubtful if there will be any camp training; the armory will probably be the official rendezvous. Understand several have gone home with a tan-bark complexion. Cheer up, boys, the "four horsemen" had to be content with only one football for four years.

While HEN BROWN was riding past a bag of oats, his mount tossed him in favor of a feed.

Serious thought is being given to a Spring outing at Rutland, Vermont. ZEKE ACKLEY is very anxious to have us "clan up", so to speak, with the Vermont "agents". BEN BOURN would like some comments on this subject. This proposal to be with the Green Mountain boys is in no way to conflict with our proposed visit to the "green mounting" boys of the new cavalry troop in Hartford.

State Senator ANTHONY TELESCA is doing great work for the YD in pushing the bills for the naming of the Middletown Bridge for Gen. EDWARDS, and for the erection of a monument to his memory in Hartford.

FRANK A. CHRISTIANSEN is Vice-President of the America Fore, fire and indemnity insurance companies.

—E. C. C.

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Death has made heavy inroads on the old Yankee Division this Fall and Winter. Others to whom he has come in the past few weeks, so far as the knowledge has come to this column, are listed below.

JOSEPH T. LYNCH, formerly of C Co., 104th Infantry, died in the Worcester City Hospital on January 12. At the funeral services, on January 14, held in Callahan's Funeral Parlors, with mass celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, many comrades of C Company, and of Worcester Chapter, Y. D. V. A., were present. A wreath from each of these organizations, of which the deceased was a member, was laid on the grave. The pall-bearers were all members of C Company, also the firing squad. Mr. LYNCH is survived by two sisters and one brother.

The Yankee Division lost one of its best known and most beloved figures, on January 19, when death came to Dr. CHARLES S. "POP" WALKER, of Keene, N. H., at the Elliot Community Hospital, of which he had served as president. A brief illness (pneumonia) was the cause of death. No account of funeral services has reached DOINGS, but it is safe to say that few citizens of Keene have been more truly honored and mourned by all, civil and military, than he.

Sixty-six years of age at the time of his death, Dr. WALKER had a notable career in the military service. He was born in Harrison, Maine, August 24, 1870; graduated from Lewiston High School, graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in 1901; took up his residence and practice in Keene in 1903. On April 6, 1907, he married Miss Adele T. Taylor of Chelmsford, Mass. Mrs. Walker died on November 21, last year.

He joined the N. H. National Guard as Medical Lieutenant in 1911, was made a Captain in 1914, and went to the Mexican Border with that rank. He served overseas as a Major in the 101st

Sanitary Train in France throughout the World War and, in May, 1918, was made commanding officer of the medical unit of the 26th Division.

He has always taken an active role in local military and civic organizations, was city physician at the time of his death; a former Commander of Gordon-Bissell Post, A. L., and Department Commander of the Department of New Hampshire. He was a member of at least a dozen fraternal organizations. Never seeming to tire, he has been in the past year a tower of strength in the building up of Keene Chapter of the Y. D. V. A. His picture appeared in a recent issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

CHARLES R. PATRIQUIN, formerly of Headquarters Co., 101st Infantry, died on January 15. Funeral services were held from his home, 43 Fox Street, Dorchester.

REN H. BUCKMAN, formerly of B Co., 101st Infantry, died on Sunday, January 25. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 28, at the Ruggles Street Baptist Church, attended by a number of former comrades of B Company, and from the YD Club of Boston, of which the deceased was a long-time member.

CARROLL LEE GOODRIDGE, formerly of F Co., 101st Ammunition Train, died on January 4, of pneumonia, at Marshfield, Vermont. He leaves a widow, the former Miss Elva Bouldry of Barre, a brother, and an uncle and aunt. Funeral services were conducted by Henry L. Danforth Post No. 53, American Legion, at Danville. At least two of the bearers, CLEM BECKLEY and ELLERY LYNDES, were comrades from F Company. Many comrades and friends, beautiful floral tributes, told of the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

PAUL BRAGG, formerly of the 101st Ambulance Co., died in Brookline, Mass., on January 9. Funeral services were held, on January 12, from the McManus Funeral Home in Brookline; solemn high mass was celebrated at the Church of St. Mary's of the Assumption.

A very beautiful letter has been received from the widow of HENRY L. SCHULTZ (101st F. Sig. Bn.) of Milford, Mass., notice of whose death appeared in a previous issue. Mrs. Schultz writes: "The old YD was the thing nearest to his heart. If you know or see any of the boys from his outfit will you please tell them I think of them often and appreciate the kindness and sympathy shown be during my great sorrow".

Correcting an error: THOMAS J. MILNES of North Andover, whose death was recorded in this column last month, served with the Supply Co., 104th Infantry instead of the 103rd Field Hospital, as stated. As captain of the police department and as a citizen, he was highly esteemed as a man of integrity and fine character.

Another staunch YD man, through thick and thin, who answered the last call in January was JOHN T. "CHUCK" NEARY, formerly of C Co., 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, chief of the fire department for many years in the town of Natick, Mass. Never has there been anything in the interest of the Yankee Division but what CHUCK was one of the first to put a shoulder to the wheel. Known and loved by hundreds in his home town and elsewhere, the great funeral tribute, with two fire department vehicles filled with flowers and hundreds of marching men from the department, from the Legion and V. F. W. Posts, from the YD Club of Boston, and old comrades of the Machine Gun Battalion, was eloquent testimony to the sadness of heart of those who had learned to rely on his leadership and counsel.

WALTER "JIGGER" HODGSON, formerly of Headquarters Co., 103rd Field Artillery, was killed instantly in Norton, Mass., on January 30, when the car he was driving failed to negotiate a curve and struck a tree.

The sympathy of YANKEE DOINGS is extended to Mr. and Mrs. JIM FOGARTY of Willimantic, Conn., whose twelve-year-old daughter recently met death by drowning. A terrible tragedy, and the boys in Willimantic are doing what they can to help in what small way they can.

JOSEPH M. LEAHY, formerly of C Co., 101st Engineers, died in Jamaica Plain on January 31. Military funeral services were held from St. Thomas Church, on February 3, with solemn requiem mass.

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REGULAR MEETING—DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

MARCH 14 — NORWALK, CONN.
REGULAR MEETING—DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT.

MARCH 18 — BOSTON
ANNUAL MEETING — YD CLUB OF BOSTON. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

APRIL 3 — CLEVELAND
REUNION DINNER — PHONE YD HEADQUARTERS, WADE PARK MANOR.

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